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DEATH SENTENCE WITHOUT TRIAL.

UNIQUE IN HISTORY OF
THE COLONY.

MURDERER INSISTS ON PLEA
OF GUILTY.

NO SIGN OF INSANITY.

"It is no good" wasting time and
suffering in gaol," said Yim Yat-
hong making it clear to the Chief
Justice (Sir Henry Gollap) at the
Criminal Sessions this morning
that he pleaded guilty to the
murder of Lo Lau at Second Street,
West Point, on August 11. His
Lordship indicated that it would
be better for accused to plead not
guilty so that all the facts could
be heard, but accused insisted on
his plea and his Lordship, having
no power to enter a plea of not
guilty in the circumstances,
sentenced accused to death with-
out a trial.

It is believed that this is the
first time in the history of the
Colony that sentence of death has
been passed without a trial.

The accused was represented by
Mr. W. N. Thomas Tam, but when
charged he said: "I plead guilty.
I admit it."

His Lordship said he would pre-
fer a plea of not guilty to be entered
and the evidence taken.

"Tell him," he continued to the
interpreter, "that he is accused of
killing this man intending to kill
him."

Intended to Kill.

In reply to his Lordship, accused
said: "I say I am guilty."

His Lordship:—He means that
he killed him?—Yes.

Was it because he intended to
kill him?—Yes.

Well, I don't know what I can
do if he insists upon pleading
guilty. I must accept the plea.

Mr. Tam:—He is in a mood when
he will plead guilty to anything.

His Lordship:—Well, I am in a
difficult position. If he insists
upon pleading guilty, I am quite
sure I am bound to accept it.

Mr. Tam:—I cannot say he is
unfit to plead.

His Lordship:—Well, I am
afraid that I must take the plea
and you must make recommenda-
tions elsewhere.

Mr. Tam asked his Lordship to
explain the position to accused
once again, and his Lordship did
so, after which counsel for the de-
fence consulted accused, and also
had a brief conversation with Dr.
A. Cannon, who was sitting by the
dock.

Accused would not alter his
plea, and Mr. Tam said he could
not get medical evidence to say
that accused was now of unsound
mind.

His Lordship:—That is the
trouble.

Mr. Tam:—But you can tell it
by his demeanour.

His Lordship:—Well, I cannot,
and he obviously understands what
you say to him. Tell him once
more that I advise him very
strongly to plead not guilty, so
that all the facts can be gone
through.

A Waste of Time.

Accused said it was only a
waste of time and he was suffering
in gaol.

DOUBLE MURDER AT TAI-O.

MAN AND WOMAN KILLED
WITH CHOPPERS.

EYE-WITNESS' STORY.

A double murder, with robbery
suspected as the motive, is re-
ported from Tai-O.

The preliminary report, issued to
the various police stations on the
mainland, gives scanty details of
the affair. It states that a number
of men, during the commission of
what is believed to be an armed
robbery, assaulted a Chinese man
and a woman at Tai-O, inflicting
fatal cuts with choppers, from
which both the victims expired.

The name of the murdered man
is given as Tse Ling, but that of
the woman is not yet known.

The police circular does not give
the time of the commission of the
crime, beyond the fact that a re-
port was received at the Tai-O
Station at 3.25 this morning. The
brief details then available were
phoned through to the other out-
lying stations, and Police Head-
quarters received a preliminary
statement of the affair at a later
hour this morning.

It was indicated that, as a re-
sult of investigations, an eye
witness has been secured in the
person of the son of the murdered
man. He is reported to have iden-
tified one of the assailants as a
young man, of about 20 years of
age, who goes by the nickname of
"the black-marked lad."

The individual referred to, has been
seen frequently to haunt the villages
of San Tau and Tung Chung recently.

Detective officers have left for
Tai-O to assist the police there in
unravelling a grim tragedy in
which two villagers met their
deaths in a most shocking manner.

HAUL OF CHINESE OPIUM.

FOUND IN SACKS UNDER
CARGO OF STONE.

JUNK IS DETAINED.

One of the biggest hauls of
opium recorded for some time past,
was seized by Revenue Officers
when they raided a junk in the
harbour on Wednesday night.

Having been previously supplied
with information, regarding an
attempt by a syndicate to smuggle
a consignment of Chinese-grown
opium into the Colony, a party of
men in the preventive service
planned a surprise visit on a junk
which was anchored off the fore-
shore at Yaumati.

The junk was loaded to the
brim with a cargo of stones, and
it was strenuous work removing
these to reach that for which they
were looking. Eventually, a num-
ber of sacks were exposed to view,
which, on being opened, were
found to contain 56 tals of raw
and 2,000 tals of prepared opium.

The junk has been detained,
while it is also reported that one
or two members of the crew were
taken into custody.

The seizure is in the nature of
a windfall for the Government,
monopoly, which benefit to the
extent of over \$10,000.

TRAMWAY COMPANY ENTERPRISE.

NEW BUS SERVICE NEXT
MONTH.

Commencing on October 1st,
the Hongkong Tramways, Ltd., is
to institute a new motor-bus ser-
vice from Blake Pier to Tai Koo
West Gate.

The route will be via Pedder
Street, Des Voeux Road, Queen's
Road East, Morrison Hill Road,
and Leighton Hill Road. The
buses will return by the same
route, except that they will branch
off to the Praya via Murray Road.

The service will run from 7
a.m. to 11.15 p.m., and the through
fare will be 20 cents, with 10-
cent fares on the Tai Koo-
Causeway Bay run and between
Blake Pier and Bay View Police
Station.

OPTIONAL CLAUSE CEREMONY.

MR. HENDERSON'S PLEA
FOR DISARMAMENT.

RESERVATIONS ATTACHED TO
THE SIGNATURE.

EXAMPLE FOLLOWED.

Geneva, Sept. 19.

Mr. Arthur Henderson, the
Secretary of State for Foreign
Affairs, this afternoon signed, on
behalf of Great Britain, the
Optional Clause of the Statute of
the Permanent Court of Inter-
national Justice, thus binding the
British Government to submit all
disputes to arbitration of the court.

The representatives of New Zea-
land, South Africa and India
followed his example. Australia
and Canada did not sign. Aus-
tralia was unable to do so owing
to the Cabinet crisis in Australia,
and the pending general election,
while the Canadian representative
has been unable to obtain instruc-
tions from his Government owing
to the fact that there has been no
meeting of the Canadian Cabinet.

Contribution to Peace.

Mr. Henderson, in a brief speech
preliminary to the signature, said
that by agreeing to refer his dis-
putes with other nations to the
International Court at The Hague,
Great Britain was making an im-
portant contribution to the endur-
ing peace of the world.

He added that if the Tenth
Assembly of the League of
Nations, now drawing to a close,
went down in history as the
"Optional Clause Assembly" was
it too much to hope that they
would soon have "Disarmament
Assembly."

League's Duty.

Disarmament, in all branches,
he went on, was the most urgent
of the questions of foreign policy
to-day. It was vital that plans for
general disarmament should be
submitted to a conference em-
bracing all the countries of the
world, and he suggested that such
a conference could and should be
organised by the League of Na-
tions within a reasonable period.

It is interesting to note that the
signatures of Great Britain and
the Dominions mentioned hold
good for a period of ten years,
though they are subject to ratifi-
cation by the Parliaments con-
cerned.

Reservations to Clause.

The signature has been append-
ed with a reservation excluding
from its operation, firstly, all dis-
putes in which the parties concern-
ed agree to have recourse to some
other method of peaceful settle-
ment; secondly, all disputes be-
tween members of the British Com-
monwealth of Nations; thirdly, all
disputes which by international
law fall exclusively within the
jurisdiction of the signatory, and
fourthly, reserving the right to re-
quire suspension of the proceed-
ings of the Court in respect of
disputes which are submitted to
the decision of the League of Na-
tions Council.

Other Adherences.

After the British Government
and the Dominions representatives
had signed, the French spokes-
man at the gathering announced a
renewal of French acceptance of
the Clause for a period of
five years, while Czechoslovakia
and Peru accepted the Clause in
respect of all cases which are not
submitted directly to the League
of Nations Council for decision.

New Judges.

The Assembly later elected Sir
Cecil Hurst, Legal Adviser to the
British Foreign Office for the past
ten years, and M. Framagout, of
France, as Judges of the Perma-
nent Court of International Justice,
taking the places of Herr Weiss,
and Lord Finlay, who died recent-
ly.—*Reuter*.

Under the auspices of the Hong-
kong University Arts Association,
Mr. Lee Pui-long is to deliver a lec-
ture on "The Development of Chi-
nese Prose Fiction" in the Union
Assembly Room at 8.30 p.m. on the
24th instant.

MASTER'S ESCAPE FROM PIRATES.

CAPT. HAALAND TURNS UP
AT HAICHOW.

MATE STILL PRISONER.

Shanghai, Sept. 20.

After complete absence of news
of the fate of Captain Haaland, the
master of the Norwegian s.s. Botnia,
and Mr. Westerheim, the chief
officer of the steamer, for over a
week, Captain Haaland turned up
unexpectedly at Panpu, the port of
Haichow yesterday.

It is learned that he made a sen-
sational escape from the bandits,
but he was forced to make his
dash for freedom alone, and then to
make his way through rough coun-
try to civilisation.

No details are available at pre-
sent concerning Captain Haaland's
experiences, though no doubt he has
a thrilling story to tell. Nothing
is known at present regarding the
fate of the other officers.

The Norwegian s.s. Botnia, it will
be recalled, was attacked by pirates
on Thursday last week after the
steamer had grounded on the bar
near Haichow and was completely
helpless. The master and chief
officer were captured and taken
away for ransom, a sum of half a
million dollars being demanded for
their release, accompanied by a
threat of murder in the event of the
money not being forthcoming.

The Norwegian Charge d'Affaires
telegraphed to the Foreign Minis-
ter stating that, in view of the
frequent recent assurances that the
Chinese authorities are able to pro-
tect foreign life and property, he is
confident that the National Govern-
ment would take measures for the
prisoners to be immediately freed.
—*Reuter*.

Oslo, Sept. 19.

The Norwegian Sailors' Associa-
tion has asked the Government to
pay the ransom demanded by the
pirates who carried off the master
and chief officer of the Botnia, and
not to await the result of negotia-
tions with the Chinese Government.

A big meeting of officers of the
merchant fleet at Bergen passed a
similar resolution, and expressed
the opinion that the interested na-
tions ought to consider the problem
of Chinese pirates.—*Reuter*.

GEN. CHAN MING-SHU.

NOT RETURNING SOUTH FOR
A TIME.

Shanghai, Sept. 20.

Enquiries in official circles show
that General Chan Ming-shu has
not boarded the President Pook for
Hongkong, but is paying a visit to
Yingchow, with General Tang
Yin-wah, Head of the Canton Re-
construction Bureau.

It is reported that during his
visit to Nanjing, General Chan
Ming-shu successfully completed
negotiations with Central Govern-
ment concerning the financial
status of the Canton Government.

General Chan has been instructed
by the Central Government to
complete the scheme for the sup-
pression of opium-smoking and
gambling in Canton within a cer-
tain period.—*Nam Chung Po*.

[A *Reuter* message to hand
yesterday stated that Gen. Chan
was leaving for Hongkong by the
President Jefferson on Saturday.]

LARGEST BANK IN THE WORLD?

LATEST AMALGAMATION IN
AMERICA.

New York, Sept. 19.

The formation of what is claim-
ed to be the largest bank in the
world, with resources estimated at
\$2,600,000,000, is announced with
the amalgamation of the National
City Bank of New York with the
Corn Exchange Bank and Trust
Company.—*Reuter's American Ser-
vice*.

TYPHOON NEWS.

The Royal Observatory reports
that the anticyclone has extended
eastwards to Korea. The typhoon
is situated in the vicinity of the
Paracels, moving W.N.W. Another
typhoon is passing between Naha
and Ishigakijima on a N.N.W.
track. The weather forecast up to
noon to-morrow is:—East winds,
strong, moderating; cloudy; rain.
A Manila warning issued at 7.30
last night stated that there was a ty-
phoon in about 128 Long 21 Lat.,
moving N.N.W.

U. S. COASTGUARD OUTRAGE.

CANADIAN SKIPPER'S
ALLEGATIONS.

SHELLED TWENTY SIX MILES
FROM THE COAST.

PREVIOUS INCIDENTS.

Halifax, Sept. 19.

Considerable sensation has been
aroused by the allegations of Cap-
tain McLeod, of the Canadian
motor-ship Shawnee, regarding the
shelling incident off the New York
coast.

There is every indication that
the incident will develop into an-
other "I'm Alone" affair.

The United States authorities
declare that the Shawnee has been
listed as a run-runner. They say
that the master refused to stop
when signalled by a coastguard
cutter, which in the first place
fired three blank shots as a warn-
ing and then two shells.

Capt. McLeod's Allegations.

Captain McLeod says emphati-
cally that he was on his way from
Bermuda to Halifax, Nova Scotia,
in ballast, flying the Canadian
ensign. He says he was at least
twenty-six miles off the New York
coast when his ship was fired on
without warning. Two of the
shots from the coastguarder hit
the Shawnee.

He adds that he was afterwards
pursued by two other cutters, but
succeeded in outdistancing them.
He says that he was 25 miles from
the coast and that the cutter had
no authority to demand his stop-
ping. He intends to protest to the
Ottawa Government.—*Reuter's
American Service*.

I'm Alone Affair.

Following upon the "I'm Alone"
incident, which has been the sub-
ject of Notes between the United
States Government and the Cana-
dian Government and which has
now been submitted to arbitration,
the Shawnee Affair will be watch-
ed with the closest interest.

Captain Randall of the I'm
Alone, it will be recalled, de-
clared that his craft was several miles
outside the twelve mile limit when
she was heavily shelled and sunk.
One of the members of her crew
was drowned.

The recurrence of such illegal
activities is not apparently
checked, though very strong pro-
tests have been lodged with the
American Government.

Previous Incidents.

Three years ago the Vancouver
schooner Coalharbour was seized
23 miles off California by the cut-
ter Cahokia, and Captain Hudson,
with his crew, thrown into gaol
without bail. During the trial the
coastguard commander broke down
and confessed to falsifying the log.

Other incidents include the
steamer Federal Ship, fired on by
the coastguard 270 miles off in the
Pacific, and the Aquila, fired on
60 miles off, which, when boarded,
had her Union Jack hauled down
by the coastguard.

Captain Hudson states: "Most
coastguard commanders are not
navigators and many cannot take
a sight. They travel by chart,
and, like yachtsmen, guess their
distance by watching marks
ashore."

Notorious Case.

A most notorious case was that
of Captain Robert Pamphlett, a
Canadian ex-Serviceman, officer, last
year, who when a considerable dis-
tance out responded to an SOS
from a sinking boat, dashed inside
territorial waters, saved five lives
as the boat foundered, and is now
serving a sentence of two years in
the Federal penitentiary on McNeil
Island, although presented with a
gold watch by the owners of the
vessel and a testimonial by the
survivors' families.

An Explorer Shadowed.

Colonel John Leckie, who re-
cently returned from commanding
the Northern aerial mineral ex-
pedition, which has spent the
winter at Hudson's Bay and the
adjoining barren lands, in an ad-
dress to the Canadian Club said
that when their vessel left the St.
Lawrence roadstead they were
shadowed for four days by an
American coastguard. Eventually
Colonel Leckie had a huge sign
painted, "Who won the war?" and
hung it over the side. The coast-
guard then decamped.

BRITAIN'S TREATY WITH IRAK.

POLITICAL CRISIS ENDED
BY NEW OFFER.

EGYPT AS THE BASIS.

Bagdad, Sept. 19.

The political crisis in Iraq,
which has proved troublesome for
several months, has been over-
come by a new offer by the British
Government, the Mandatory Pow-
er.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's Gov-
ernment has offered to recom-
mend unconditionally the admis-
sion of Iraq to the League of
Nations in the year 1932, and in
the meantime to take steps to
prepare a draft of an Anglo-
Iraqian Treaty, which will be
based generally on the terms of
the Anglo-Egyptian settlement,
recently announced.

This conciliatory offer has had
the result of placating all the
rival political parties in Iraq, and
a new Cabinet has already been
formed under Sir Abdul Muhsin.

The new Premier, in a speech
in Bagdad to-day, paid a tribute
to the British Government's con-
ciliatory and far-sighted policy,
but declared that in the long run,
Iraq would accept nothing short
of complete independence.—*Reuter*.

AERODROME PUMP STOLEN.

CHINESE GARDENER SENT
TO PRISON.

DANGER POINTED OUT.

Charges of larceny of a grease
pump belonging to Surg. Lieut. W.
C. Munro, R.N., from the Kai Tak
Aerodrome, and of trespassing,
were brought against a Chinese,
described as a gardener of the
Diocesan Boys' School, on his ap-
pearance before Mr. T. S. Whyte
Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy
this morning.

The defendant denied the
charge of theft, and, in reply to
the second count, said he did not
know the law.

Inspector Phillips said that at
about 4 a.m. yesterday a police
guard, who was employed at the
Aerodrome, saw the defendant
crouching in a channel outside the
No. 1 Hangar. The watchman
approached the defendant who
tried to get away. An Air Force
sentry, hearing a noise, went to
investigate and assisted the guard
to arrest the man. The sentry saw
the defendant drop the pump be-
fore being arrested.

After hearing the evidence, his
Worship registered a conviction on
the first charge, and allowed the
alternative count of trespassing to
be dropped.

Inspector Phillips pointed out
that to have stolen the pump the
defendant had to go inside the
hangar. He might easily have
taken some important part of one
of the planes, resulting in possible
disaster when the machines were
used.

His Worship passed sentence of
two months' hard labour, and said
that he was taking into considera-
tion the danger mentioned by In-
spector Phillips.

GETTING INTO CHINA MARKET.

AN EFFORT BY S. AFRICAN
TOBACCO GROWERS.

Pretoria, Sept. 19.

At a meeting of representatives
of the tobacco growers of Rhodesia
and the Board of the Central Co-
operative Tobacco Society, it was
decided to call a conference of
delegates of the Union, Rhodesia,
Nyasaland at Salisbury in October
to form plans for the exploitation
of the Chinese market for tobacco
produced in the Union and South-
ern Rhodesia.—*Reuter*.

Passengers who arrived by the
Blue Funnel s.s. Aeneas from
Home to-day included Mr. and Mrs.
C.H. Elkins, Mr. S. M. Mayes, and
Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Hazell.

CHINA'S MINISTER TO LONDON.

INTERVIEW WITH MR.
ALFRED SZE.

HOPES EXTRALITY PROBLEM
WILL BE SOLVED.

ANGLO-CHINESE AMITY

His Excellency Mr. Alfred Sze,
the Chinese Minister to the Court
of St. James, arrived in Hongkong
by the s.s. Kitano Maru this
morning on his way to London,
being accompanied by Madame
Sze. Mr. Sze and his party were
met by Mrs. Tong (the wife of the
veteran statesman, Mr. Tong Shao-
yi) who is aunt to Mrs. Sze by
marriage.

Chinese friends of Mr. Sze in
Hongkong also welcomed him
upon his arrival here and a tea
is being given in his honour by
the Sino-American Returned
Students' Union at the Hongkong
Hotel roof garden this afternoon.

Anglo-Chinese Friendship.

Interviewed by the *Telegraph*
this morning, Mr. Sze said he was
glad of the opportunity of again
taking up work in London and of
continuing his efforts in further
cementing Anglo-Chinese re-
lations. He also expressed plea-
sure in visiting Hongkong again
and being afforded the opportunity
of meeting his friends in the
Colony.

Mr. Sze said his last visit to
Hongkong was in 1914 when he
passed through, as now, on his
way to take up his position as
Minister for China in London.

Mr. Sze spoke confidently of the
continuation of the present
amicable relations between Great
Britain and China.

Extrality Issue.

On the question of extra-
territoriality, Mr. Sze said he had
nothing to say except to express
the hope that the question would
be settled in course of time.
There were difficulties on both
sides, he added, but he was con-
fident that in the future existing
difficulties would be overcome.

Mr. Sze said he was not carrying
any special instructions to Lon-
don and that at the present time
there was no fixed period of
appointment. He recalled that
previously Ministers were appointed
for a period of three years, but
the Government now left open the
question of the duration of the
appointment.

Varied Career.

Mr. Sze, who is a native of
Hangchow, was educated at St.
John's University, Shanghai, and
at Washington School. In 1903
he was secretary to Viscount
Chang Chih-tung and Tuan Fong-
and later director of the Peking-
Hankow Railway and the
Northern Railway. In 1911, he
was nominated Minister to
America, Peru, Mexico and
Canada, but did not proceed.
From 1914 to 1920 he was Minister
to Great Britain. Mr. Sze is now
therefore to represent China in
Great Britain for the second time.
Since Dr. Wellington Koo left
London in 1921, the Charge
d'Affaires, Mr. W. C. Chen, has
looked after China's interests.

Mr. Sze was Minister to
Washington from 1920 onwards,
being the chief delegate at the
Washington Conference in 1922.

May Call on Governor.

Mr. Sze proposed to pay a flying
visit to Macao during his brief
stay in Hongkong, but cancelled
his arrangements owing to rough
weather. He had tiffin with
Chinese friends and will probably
pay a call on His Excellency the
Governor at Mountain Lodge early
to-morrow morning. He will sail
by the Kitano Maru at 11 o'clock
to-morrow morning.

Portraits of Mr. and Mrs. Sze
appear elsewhere.

The following forthcoming wed-
dings are announced. Lieut. John
Graham Shillington, K.O.S.B.,
Murray Barrack, to Miss Eilda
Mary Mahony, No. 37, Drayton
Gardens, London, S.W.9. Pay-
masters Lieut. Commander Adrian

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LOCAL CURRENCY PROBLEM.

CHINESE PLEA FOR ACTION BY GOVERNMENT.

HIGH RENT HANDICAP.

At a meeting of the Twenty Four Merchants' Guild held last night the Chairman, Mr. Ho Kwong, dwelt at some length on the subject of the currency problem as it affected the trade of the Colony and urged Government action to remedy existing conditions, even to the extent of withdrawing note-issuing facilities from the Banks.

The speaker also referred to the problem of high rents, which embarrassed the merchants, and pleaded for Government interference. An interesting discussion followed.

The Chairman said: Gentlemen, I think it is my duty to call your attention to the currency problem that is at the moment causing great hardship to Hongkong. During the last few years Mr. Ho Lu has mentioned to us many times that the trade of this Colony is fast dwindling and in October 1927 he sent in a memorandum to the Chinese Chamber on trade revival. As a result the Chinese Chamber of Commerce approached the General Chamber of Commerce for a joint conference. The representatives of the two Chambers met, but could not come to any understanding.

In my opinion, the vital reason affecting trade at the present moment is the currency problem, the burning question of the day.

We have suffered from a water shortage which Government promptly and efficiently tackled, but that, although a serious matter, was comparatively nothing when compared with this Currency question.

Inflation of currency to above normal, or deflation to below normal, means ruin to the Colony, means, in time, the departure of our trade from here, and means the exodus of merchants and merchant firms; and this means that all employees, whether house servants, tradesmen, or engaged in other occupations, must go to where ever the trade goes.

The Normal.

I would just mention that the normal value of our currency must be of the same value as the silver dollar current in Shanghai, as we and Shanghai both compete for the trade of China.

It was thought for some time that the Chinese up-country merchants were deliberately cutting out Hongkong, owing to some fancied grievance, but I am confident that such is not the case; in fact I think you will agree with me when you understand the position, that such a statement is a very unjust accusation to make.

It is quite true the trade is leaving Hongkong, but there is no falling off in imports to China. The Shanghai latest Customs returns show the import figures for that port, for 1928, to be a record. I have no hesitation in saying these figures include a good deal of business that should rightly have come to Hongkong, owing to its geographical position.

Only Governmental action can regain this trade. Canton merchants want to buy in Hongkong, but cannot afford to do so except from a purely sentimental point of view.

The Banks' Position.

I have heard it said that the banks are anxious to inflate the currency of the Colony, but such a viewpoint is ridiculous. Are not the banks here to do business? Can anyone imagine seriously that any bank would adopt a policy that would result in closing up the bank in time?

But there it is, the business is fast disappearing.

At the end of 1928 the Colony's currency was over eight per cent higher than it should have been. Of course, this eight per cent was

set off by a higher exchange rate with foreign countries and therefore the laid down cost as far as Hongkong for Hongkong consumption was concerned was less than would be the case with a Shanghai cost for consumption in Shanghai. This, however, means dog-eating dog. Hongkong cannot live on trade confined to Hongkong, it must sell to China.

I know for a fact, and you all know also, that there are large overdue stocks in Hongkong—not large in comparison with pre-inflated currency times, but nevertheless large, when compared with the lesser trade the Colony is doing.

Compare Hongkong with Shanghai. At the end of 1928 goods were imported into Hongkong, thanks to the higher exchange rate ruling, at about eight per cent cheaper than they would cost in Shanghai. Immediately the goods went into China, this eight per cent advantage was lost, as in Canton money the up-country dealer had to pay the eight per cent extra, in buying Hongkong dollars.

Comparative Costs.

Now, let us suppose the Hongkong and Shanghai dealers both held the identical goods in stock at the end of 1928. Unless the Hongkong goods were cleared before they would cost the up-country dealer seven per cent more in Canton currency than would the identical Shanghai goods. I am speaking now of the position in the middle of last month. This higher cost is entirely due to currency inflation, as of course the Hongkong dealer receives no more dollars than he would have received at the end of last year. I hope I have made myself sufficiently clear on this point. I am not referring in any way to interest and storage charges, increasing the cost; that is a separate matter. I am speaking solely on account of further currency inflation that has made the Hongkong article, as far as the up-country buyer is concerned, seven per cent dearer than the identical article would be from Shanghai, if both were bought at the end of last year by the respective Hongkong and Shanghai dealers. Since the middle of last month the position has gone worse, and to-day the goods would cost three per cent more than they did last month and ten per cent more than at the beginning of the year. You must therefore see that these overdue goods cannot possibly be cleared without this corresponding loss.

Shanghai's Advantage.

On the other hand stocks in Shanghai will not accumulate to the same extent as, apart from ordinary Silver fluctuations and interest and other charges, the goods are as cheap to-day as they were at the commencement of the year. Is it not obvious then why this business has gone to Shanghai?

Even to-day, with a premium in foreign exchange of over eighteen per cent, no dealer can afford to take the risk of making purchases, as if they buy for own account there is no knowing how many Canton dollars will be needed for one hundred Hongkong dollars when the goods arrive.

On the other hand, if the Hongkong dealers buy and simultaneously sell to Canton dealers, and the Canton dealers settle the exchange at 134 Canton dollars to 100 Hongkong dollars, they may be all wrong by the time the goods arrive, as it might be possible at that time to buy Hongkong dollars at a less figure. Of course, it is just possible that the Canton dealers may have done well by settling, but it is quite enough to have the usual Silver fluctuation risk to deal with, rather than introduce a further local currency problem.

Banks Powerless.

At the same time I want to emphasize that the local banks are powerless under present conditions.

Adjustment of currency in Shanghai is made possible by Silver purchases and sales. If exchange purchases are made it means silver is being sold for gold, and to make the adjustment the banks sell in London or America, the equivalent of the silver they bought when they sold a gold currency, thus the position is evened up.

Of course the opposite is done if sales of gold currency are made by speculators or export dealers in Shanghai. In Hongkong such an adjustment is not possible under existing conditions, as although for a five dollar note you can, if you wish it, receive five silver dollars from the note issuing bank, you cannot give a five dollar note. In fact although the silver dollar is the legal tender of the Colony you cannot pay Government taxes with silver dollars, as if you refer to your tax account you will note it distinctly states this account must be paid by cheque or bank notes.

In view of the enormous difference between the value of the bank note and the silver dollar, it is hardly fair to expect a bank to give a note in exchange for silver, but if at the time the issuing facilities were granted to the banks such an exchange had been made compulsory by legislation, the position in which we find ourselves to-day could never have arisen.

No Limit to Inflation.

The normal adjustment of exchange would occur if a large import business was being done in the Colony, but without this brake, the inflation can go further and further, in fact there is no knowing where the Hongkong dollar note value may go to.

I am very glad to see that the Canton Authorities are taking steps to avoid assisting this Hongkong note inflation. Probably you did not notice this, but I must bring this to your notice if only to show the friendly and personal interest that is being taken in our problem.

The Canton Mint, as you know, has been working for some time, turning out silver currency to replace the present Canton note issue. But as soon as this silver currency was exchanged for Canton notes the silver holders immediately bought Hongkong bank notes for investment—a very unfortunate thing for us here. For instance, to buy Hongkong dollars the Cantonese had at first to pay on the basis of 125 to 100. But

of course as more demand came along (and this further demand came as soon as the Mint released more silver currency) the exchange figure rose until it reached 134 Canton dollars for 100 Hongkong dollars. Fortunately the Canton Government realised the evil and closed the Mint down promptly. I am sure all business men will appreciate this prompt action. If this silver could have been resold in London to make the exchange adjustment, such an artificial inflation could not have occurred.

No Move Made.

In every trade this currency question is making itself felt, and yet no one seems to make any move in the matter.

Up-country exports, when exchange was normal, were bought in Hongkong as you well know, but now purchases in Hongkong currency are not possible.

I have been informed that this question is being very carefully watched in Shanghai as well as in Canton, but this is only natural, as any improvement of trade here, as the result of a normal dollar locally, will mean a corresponding loss of trade to Shanghai.

I am also informed that the manufacturers in England are alive to the position, and if this is so I only hope they will bring it to the notice of the Home Government. But after all why should they? It is really only a local matter, and if the English suppliers sell to Shanghai instead of to Hongkong, why should they worry? Therefore it is up to us to do something that will bring action.

Every day, the position is getting worse and I consider it essential that we should bring up and pass a resolution asking the Government to thoroughly investigate the matter publicly, without delay, and take whatever action is found necessary to bring the Hongkong currency down to the parity of silver, even if it means withdrawing the note issuing facilities from the banks, and issuing a Government bank note.

The Rent Problem.

I also wish to bring to your notice another issue affecting the Chinese merchants and tradesmen in general, namely, the rent problem. There is no denying the fact that the rents of the commercial houses and shops, even in the busiest areas, are far too high. Looking at the issue from all possible points of view, it is not only economically sound that the raising of rent should be checked by legislation, but it is also equally justifiable that the interest and welfare of the merchants and tradesmen should be safeguarded.

The prevalent practice of giving one month's notice to quit, falling to accede to the demand of landlords for increase of rent, is pernicious and harmful in more ways than one. And tenants trading under the present conditions of hardship will find it most disheartening to do business in this Colony. The month's notice hardly gives the tenant time to adjust matters, and more often than not involves no inconsiderable loss of money and potential business. It is quite time for the Government to look into this matter as well.

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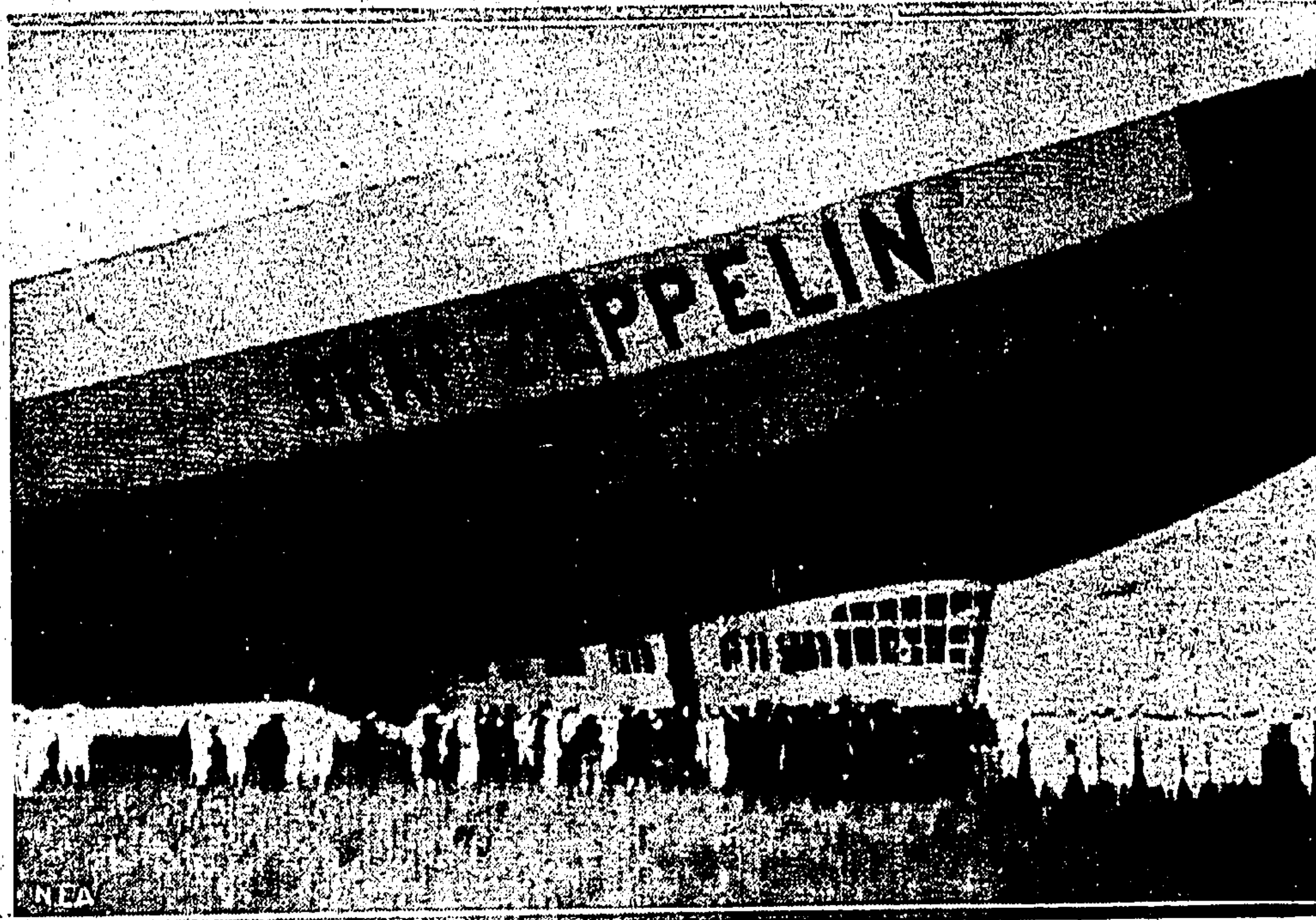
WELL, PER GOSH SAKES! IF IT AIN'T SAM, HOWDY! GEE, WHAT'S TH' MATTER, OLD TIMER?

ALBERT!

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WELL, WELL! SURELY YOU REMEMBER ALBERT, FOLKS! SAME OLD PET, AND THE MASTER OF THE GUZZ-LEAF STUZZ LO—THESE MANY MONTHS AGO—WELL, IN HECK IS HE DOING IN FLORIDA?



The world-circling Graf Zeppelin shown settling to earth in Los Angeles for refueling, the passengers emerging after their thrilling nonstop flight from Tokyo.



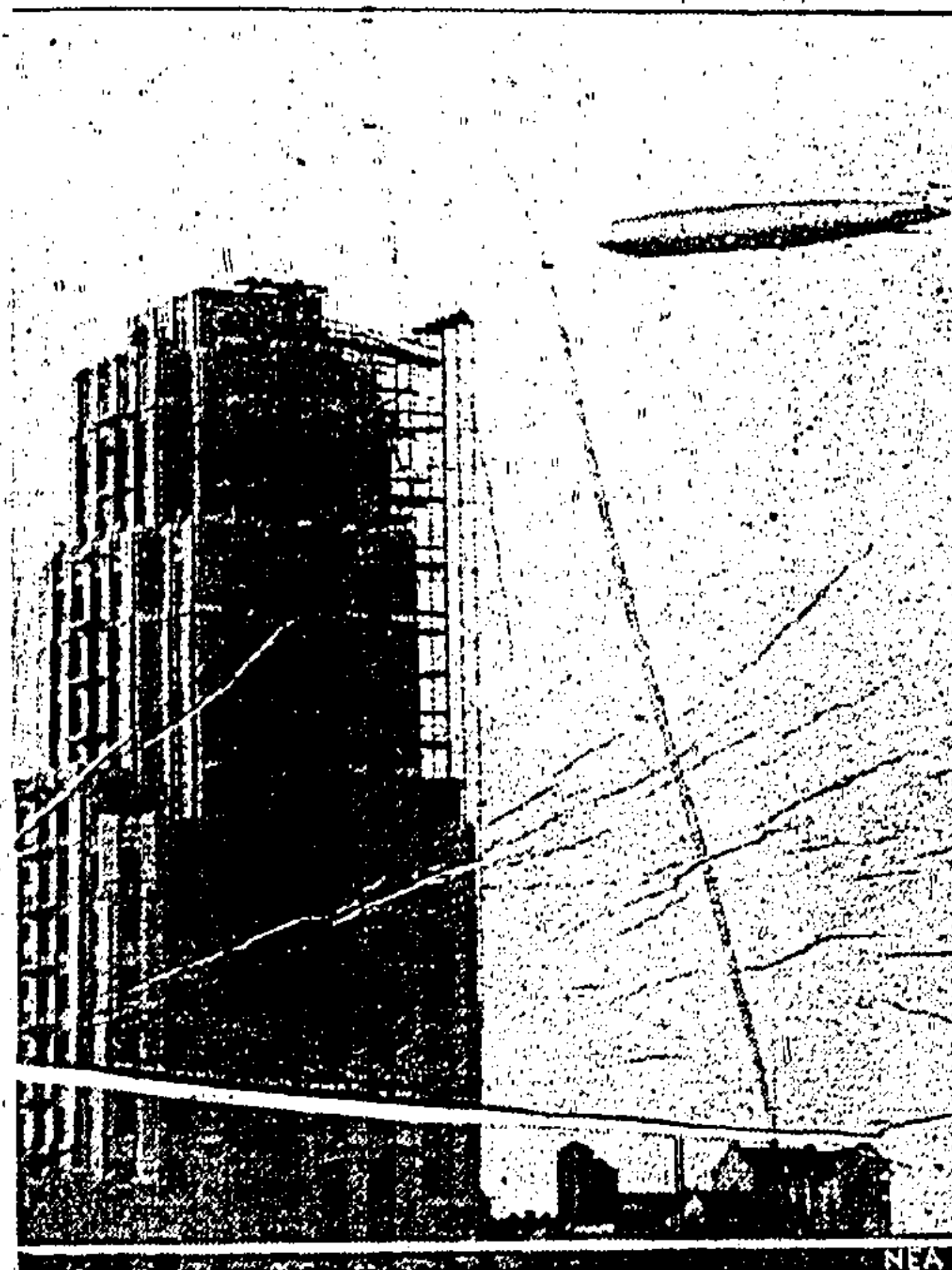
Mendicant Buddhist priests in Kyoto, Japan, disguised by peach baskets.



The Duchess of Bedford pictured on her arrival at Croydon from her India flight.

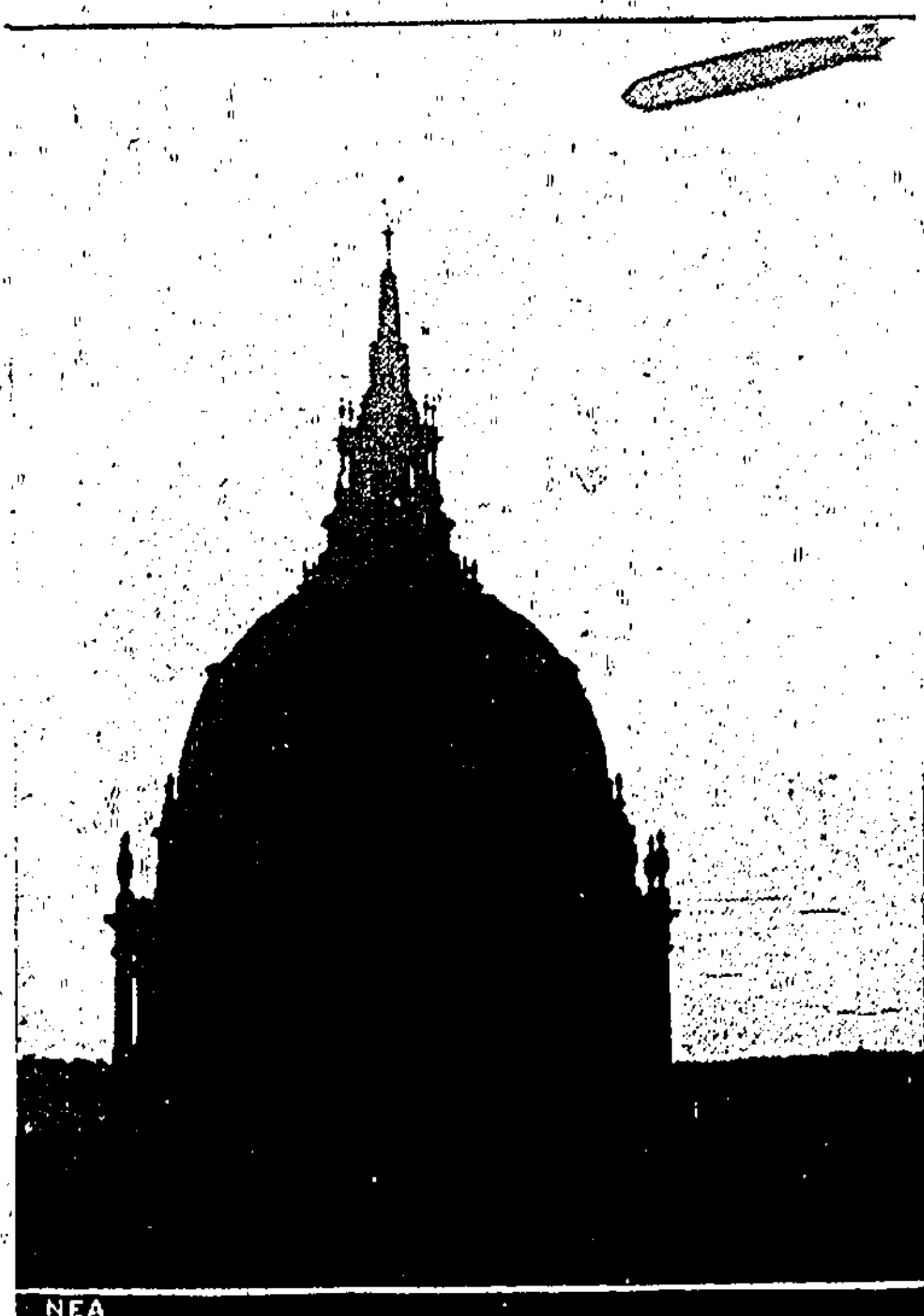


The Graf Zeppelin touring over the Forest Hill section of San Francisco. This picture shows the ship on the left foreground with a portion of San Francisco bay in the background.

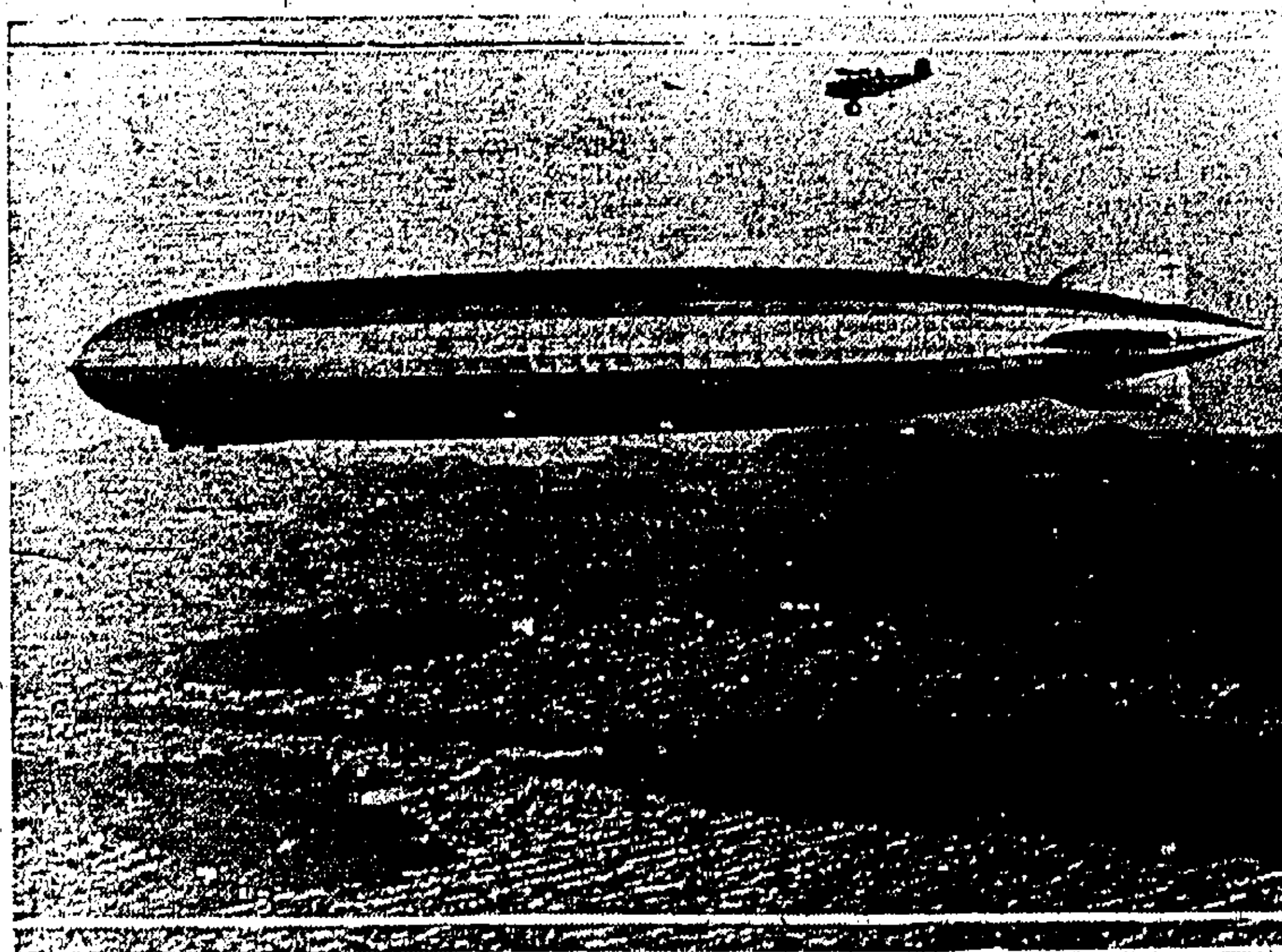


The world's largest airship passing the largest church building. Graf Zeppelin shown over the William Taylor Hotel, the big church and hotel structure being built in San Francisco.

To-day's pictures deal mainly with the historic flight of the Graf Zeppelin across Siberia and the Pacific Ocean and are the first to arrive in this Colony. The great ship beat all records on her long trip.



The imposing dome of San Francisco's city hall, the Graf Zeppelin cruising overhead—and both silhouetted against a sunset. One of the thrilling sights as the big dirigible cruised over San Francisco in the dying hours of Sunday afternoon recently.



One of the views the Graf Zeppelin passengers enjoyed as they passed over San Francisco, following the long ocean hop from Japan. The dirigible was cruising over Golden Gate park when an air cameraman took this picture.



Senator S. Osmena, President pro tem of the Philippine Senate, was the guest of honour at a film given at the Majestic Hotel by Dr. C. T. Wang, the Foreign Minister, and Dr. H. H. Kung, Minister of Industry, Commerce and Labour recently. The Senator, accompanied by his wife and several compatriots, sailed for Manila on the President Jackson.



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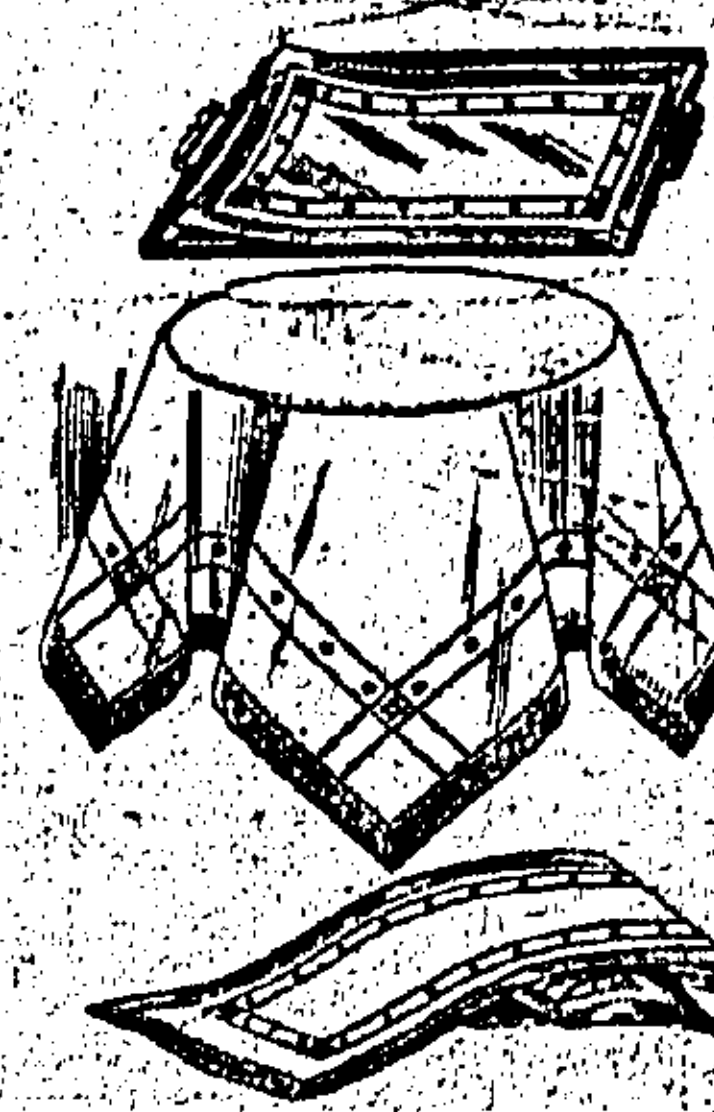
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THE VOLUNTEERS.

ORDERS FOR THE COMING WEEK.

Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps Orders by Lieut-Colonel L. G. Bird, D.S.O., O.B.E., Commandant.

Hongkong, 20th September, 1929.
1. Musketry Table T. M.G.—The Scottish Company will fire Table T.M.G. Part II at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, 22nd September, 1929.

Range Officer Lieut. G. Duncan, M.B.E. Launch will leave Queen's Pier at 8.30 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 8.40 a.m.

Dress—Uniform (clean fatigue) or multi optional.

2. Orders for Stores and Repairs.

Corps Order No. 237 dated 29th July 1927 is repeated for the information of all concerned.

The attention of all concerned is drawn to the fact that no member of the Corps is entitled to give orders to any firm or shop for goods or repairs, unless such an order is signed by the Adjutant. If this procedure is not adopted the individual gives the order at his own liability and there can be no guarantee that the expenditure will be met out of Corps Funds.

3. Dress.

Corps Order No. 313 dated 20th January 1928 is repeated for the information of all concerned.

Os. C. Units will instruct all N.C.O.s to get chevrons of white tape according to rank sewn to their khaki shirts by the master tailor forthwith.

4. Corps Band.

The band will practice in the Lecture Room at H.Q. on the following dates during this month in multi. at 5.30 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 20.

Tuesday, Sept. 24.

Friday, Sept. 27.

All ranks are warned to keep Saturday, 28th Sept. free, as the Band are playing at the Corps Sports that afternoon. Full details as to time and dress will follow in next orders.

5. The Battery.

Tuesday, 24th September. Lecture at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m.

Friday, 27th September. Gun Drill at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m.

The War Office have issued authority through Headquarters China Command permitting the wearing of the Royal Artillery grenadier collar badge by all ranks of the Battery. W.O. letter No. 083/5757 (M.G.O. 7.B.) of 15-8-29 and C.R.C.C./2558/A.Q. of 13-9-29.

6. Engineer Company.

Peak Range, Sunday, Sept. 22, at 9 a.m.

Dress: multi. Rifles will be drawn on Saturday morning.

Programme of Training for 1929-30 issued to-day by circular to all ranks of the Company.

7. Corps Signals.

Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, 23rd Sept. for Signal Training. Dress: multi.

8. Mounted Infantry Company.

Parade at H.Q. on Thursday, Sept. 26 for M.G. Instruction.

M.G. Table T. Part II will be fired at Stonecutters on Sunday 29th. Launch leaves Queen's Pier at 8.30 a.m.

9. Armoured Car Company.

Both Sections of the Company will fire Table T. M.G. Part II at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, 29th Sept.

Range Officer Lieut. R. K. Valentine. Launch leaves half an hour earlier than usual i.e. from Hongkong at 8.30 a.m. and Kowloon 8.40 a.m.

Car Section.—Monday, 23rd, Sept. Parade at 5.30 p.m. for Machine Gun Instruction. All ranks must make a special effort to attend.

Motor Cycle Section.—Monday, 23rd, Sept. All ranks will parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for Machine Gun Instruction.

10. Machine Gun Company.

The Company will parade at full strength at H.Q. at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 24. No. 4 Platoon will proceed to Kennedy Road Range with two service guns by Ford Truck leaving H.Q. at 5.20 p.m. Range Officer Lieut. H. Owen Hughes.

Remainder Section Drill.

There will be a meeting of officers and Section Sergeants of the Company at 8.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 24th Sept. Platoon Commanders will submit

ILLEGAL LEVY.

SHANTUNG GOVERNMENT'S LATEST EXPLOIT.

Chefoo, Sept. 19.

The Shantung Provisional Government, having closed the Goods Tax Office, has opened a new organization named the Shantung Local Goods Consolidation Levy Office.

Local business is at a standstill, the merchants refusing to ship or to take delivery of goods.

It is understood that this new levy in many instances is higher than the old Goods Tax, while it is laid down that it must be paid again when goods are transhipped or received from the hinterland.

Mupinghsie and Fushanhsien are exempt from the inside levy. The merchants are strongly protesting through their Chambers of Commerce.—Reuter.

rough training programme for the season.

Musketry Table T. Part 2. The last opportunity to fire this course under Company arrangements will be at the Peak Range on Sunday, 29th Sept. at 9 a.m. Dress: multi or uniform optional but equipment must be worn. Rifles will be drawn after parade on Tuesday, 24th Instant. Range Officer Lieut. A. H. Penn.

11. Scottish Company.

Parades.—Thursday, 26th September 1929.

Demonstration and Instruction in Machine Gun Table T.

Nos. 5 and 7 Platoons at Corps Headquarters under Lieut. H. E. Forsyth.

No. 6 Platoon at Kowloon Dock under Lieut. Geo. Duncan, M.B.E.

Machine Gun Part 2 Table T. The Company will fire this practice at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, 22nd, Sept.

Range Officer—Lieut. George Duncan, M.B.E.

The launch will leave Queen's Pier at 8.30 a.m. calling at Kowloon Police Pier at 8.40 a.m.

Notice.

Owing to the length of time required to complete this practice, only members of the Company who are specially detailed will be required to parade on 22nd September. The remainder of the Co. will have an opportunity of firing this practice on 3rd November.

12. Portuguese Company.

Training Season.—All ranks are reminded that the Training Season 1929-30 is now in session.

Peak Range.—The Peak Range is allotted to the Company on Sunday, Sept. 29. Firing will commence at 9 a.m. sharp.

Dress: Optional, but Rifle and Bayonet, Belt and pouches must be brought.

Part II Musketry.—All Ranks are reminded that the Company will fire Part II Musketry at Stonecutters on Sunday, Oct. 13. This date should be kept open as this will be the last date to fire this practice.

Dress.—Attention is called to the dress ordered for the various parades.

Parades.—The Company will parade on Friday, Sept. 27, for training as under.

Recruits.—At Headquarters for arms and Squad Drill.

Dress: Optional, Rifle and Bayonet and Belt.

No. 10 Platoon.—At Kennedy Road Range for Lewis Gun firing practice.

Dress: Optional, Belt.

Nos. 11 and 12 Platoons.—At Headquarters for Lewis Gun Instruction.

Dress: Optional, Belt.

Notice.

The following Recruit joined on 16-9-29 and is posted to the Motor Cycle Section. No. 1499 Pte. J. D. A. Hutchinson.

R. A. WOLFE MURRAY, MAJOR, ADJUTANT, H. K. V. D. CORPS.

Notice.

1. Athletic Sports.—Putting the Shots and heats for High Jump and Tug of War will be held at Headquarters on Wednesday, Sept. 25th at 5.45 p.m.

All competitors in these events are requested to be present.

2. There will be a meeting of the Athletic Sports Committee at Headquarters on Monday, Sept. 23rd at 5.45 p.m. This will be the final meeting before the sports, and all members are requested to attend.

WOMAN'S WORLD
FOR OUR LADY READERS.

Marking Lingerie.

NEW STYLE OF MARKING TAPE.

Woven names have, of course, long been the best known method of marking personal clothes and household linen. The effect is neat and lasting, and there is less likelihood of garments and other articles being lost by the laundry.

But for very dainty lingerie and small items, such as handkerchiefs, the customary type of bold name on a substantial tape has not been altogether suitable. This fact has now been realised, and recently there has been introduced a new style of marking tape. This is extremely fine in weave, less than a quarter of an inch wide, and the name woven in script or type, according to desire. The lettering is distinct though very tiny, and the whole forms an inconspicuous tab that is suitable for fine handkerchiefs and lingerie. This marking tape is sold at the same price as the ordinary kind, and the name may be had woven in pale colours as well as the usual red and black.

Personally, I should like to see the manufacturers make yet another innovation and weave the names on tapes of various pastel shades. The pinks, blues, mauves and other dainty shades would be extremely popular for coloured lingerie, and the name could be woven in a slightly deeper shade of the same colour.

Laundry marks in ink or cotton are extremely disfiguring whatever the character of the article they adorn. A far better plan is to have the laundry's mark woven on to a tape and attached to the item by fine sewing.—A. M. in Exchange.

A Dainty Model.



The afternoon frock of black crepe de chine is one of the most beloved items in the Parisienne's wardrobe. Here is an excellent little model, shirred deeply over the hips to lend the slender, moulded line, and finished with soft beige georgette collar and cascading jabot.

Furnishing Fabrics for the Autumn.



Nothing more than the first cool breeze of September is needed to remind us that summer draperies and slip-covers have had their day. Lovely they may have been, and admirably suited for their purpose—but lacking that note of luxury and richness which seems almost necessary to the decorative scheme during the winter days.

Now silkier fabrics, heavier colours, more elaborate patterns begin to suggest themselves—although but a short week or so ago we were all for the sheer and frilly things. There must be new cushions; more formal curtains; refurbishing postponed over the summer puts in an insistent claim for attention.

And we are learning to do fascinating things with modern fabrics. We have found that by merely changing the draperies and upholstery, we can develop entirely new effects that defy one to identify our possessions as "the same old furnishings."

In the room of the photograph, for example a complete transformation has taken place. Gauze curtains and summer slip covers of striped modern linen have given place to overcurtains of flowered chintz with glass curtains in a soft shade of gold in harmony with the patterned fabric. The sofa has shed its linen cover for a well-tailored one of two-tone fabric showing a silky diamond pattern in shades of blue-green which repeat the foliage of the draperies. The cushions, which had summer covers of cotton fabric, have slipped into cases of old gold rayon satin, and

this colour is echoed in a deeper tone for the seat covering of one open-arm chair.

From a cool summer picture in flat tones to one in glowing autumn colours and lustrous textures, this room has passed by merely changing its fabrics. And this at no great cost. Which points the way to easy alterations in decoration for home-makers who feel the need of a new background but must retain the foundation furniture of the home.

Time was when the slip-cover was a bit out of place in the room with pretensions to grandeur. But today the use of richer fabrics, good tailoring and a snug fit take it out of the utility class and place it side by side with upholstery. Which is to say—chair and sofas slipping covered in the modern manner may become distinguished enough to hobnob with upholstered pieces in almost any autumn or winter scheme.

In choosing fabrics for winter draperies we may still cling to chintzes and patterned linens; they are as good in winter as in summer, and suitable for almost any informal room. Handblocked linens are, of course, most desirable, but among modern fabrics are countless lovely printed linens which are effective and more economical. The autumn chintz collection shows glazed varieties, and a new rayon chintz which is washable and has a fascinating satin finish. For still more formal rooms there are taffetas and brocades, velvets and cotton velveteens in colourings that are warm and luxurious.

Are Holiday's Necessary.

Somewhere, recently, I came across a statement to the effect that the perfect man would require no annual holiday, and I have been wondering about the truth of it.

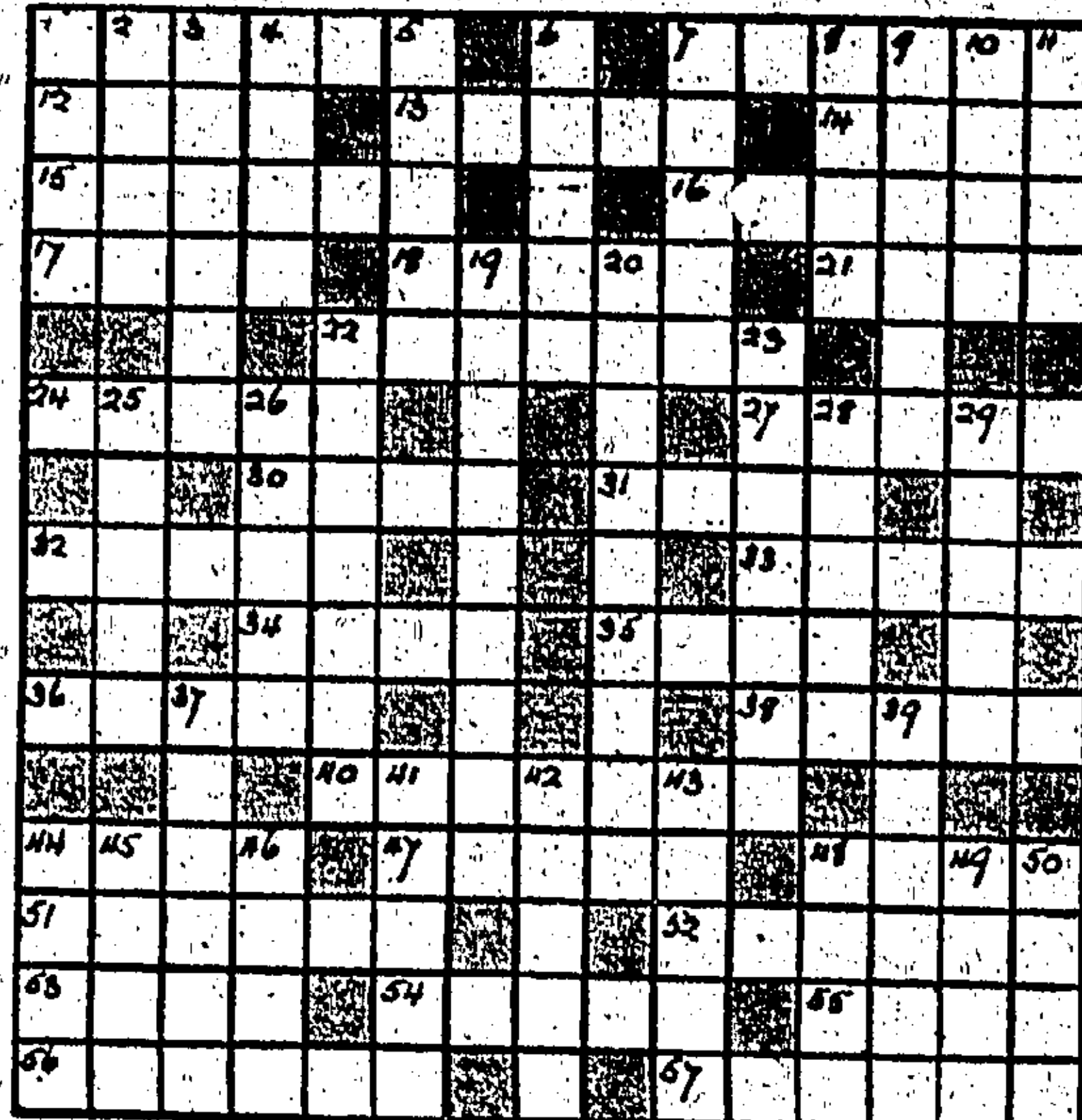
I can see that if a man or a woman were physically fit and had mastered the art of living each day as best it could be lived by them in their particular set of circumstances, it is quite likely that that individual would feel no great need to be off with the rest of the working world to seek rest and recreation in some spot at a distance from the scenes of ordinary life.

As a matter of fact, many men whose business has become almost their life, have reached the stage when they have no real desire to give up work for even a short period of time.

They may appear to be none the worse for their abstinence, when they do carry out their "business as usual" programme, but it is difficult to believe that, had they been able to tear themselves away for a time and substitute some other absorbing interest for their work, they would not have gained by taking holidays like other people.

Still there is much to be said for the business man who prefers to mingle recreation with work in its due proportion, all the year round, rather than allow himself to become played out and badly in need of a holiday.—B. C. in Exchange.

OUR NEW BRITISH CROSSWORDS.



Across.

- 1 Scamp.
- 7 Quick.
- 12 Highest point.
- 13 Place of ingress.
- 14 Ceremonial.
- 15 Lattice.
- 16 Avow again.
- 17 Vend.
- 18 Forest opening.
- 21 Walked.
- 22 Grasslands.
- 24 Render putrid.
- 27 Spruce.
- 30 Comfort.
- 31 Implement.
- 32 Kind of chair.
- 33 Clinch.
- 34 Italian exclamation of applause.
- 35 Mere repetition.
- 36 Trim with the beak.
- 38 Entrance.
- 39 Salute.
- 40 Barter.
- 47 Farewell.
- 48 Song for one.
- 51 Least wild.
- 52 Species of fodder.
- 53 Assert.
- 54 Manifest.
- 55 Experience.
- 56 Gush.
- 57 Card game.

Down

- 1 Tatters.
- 2 Measure of land.
- 3 Expressed pleasure.
- 4 Prison chamber.
- 5 Sovereign.
- 6 Offer excuses.
- 7 Scatter.

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- 20 Degree of a doctor.
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- 23 Made a nasal sound.
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- 28 Foreigner.
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- 37 Glossy substance.
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- 41 Rack-bar.
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BUDGET CRITICISM.

Unofficial Members had their annual field-day in the Legislative Council yesterday afternoon, when they presented at considerable length their views on the Government's Budget proposals. A reading of the speeches is sufficient to show that, although not elected by popular vote, and therefore in reality responsible to no-one, yesterday's spokesmen had obviously given a close study to all aspects of the Colony's needs. For that, they deserve the community's thanks. They have succeeded in picking out the weaknesses of the Government's plans and policies, whilst at the same time not withholding praise where praise was due. We welcome the innovation of the Government setting aside a day in which to answer the criticisms. Its task will not be easy, for there is considerable divergence of viewpoint on many vital matters. Incidentally, although the ratepayers will no doubt feel grateful to the Unofficial Members for the spirited manner in which so many questions have been taken up, we cannot but feel that the time has come when there should be some closer contact between these members and the public generally. In the absence of a municipal body, the Unofficials get together and discuss the Budget, eventually presenting their views in Council. What we should like to see would be an annual gathering of ratepayers called by the Unofficials for the express purpose of ascertaining public opinion on the Government's proposals. As things now are, the Unofficial Members must feel the lack of guidance; an annual consultation of the ratepayers would be beneficial to everybody concerned.

Coming, now, to yesterday's speeches, a tribute is due to the Unofficials for their courage in dealing with matters on which they join issue with the Government. In due course, we shall have occasion to touch upon many of the questions raised. To-day we intend confining ourselves to the water problem, still the most serious matter with which the Colony is faced. Both Sir Henry Pollock and Sir Shouson Chow were quite blunt and outspoken on this question, as they had good reason to be. Especially to the point was the grave criticism of the Government for having disregarded the unanimous advice

tendered by the Unofficial Members in 1926, which has resulted in a delay of more than eighteen months in bringing the water across the harbour. It is pertinent in this connection to recall that in his recent exhaustive survey of the Colony's waterworks system H. E. the Governor made no mention whatever of this unpardonable holding up of the Shing Mun scheme, which, if it did not cause the water crisis of a few months ago, certainly aggravated it. Whilst it is no use crying over spilled milk, it is only right and proper that a protest should be entered against the delay, which, as Government officials must be fully aware, aroused a deal of public feeling during the height of the water troubles. However, as we say, that is all past and gone. What the public wants to feel now is that there shall be no more delays. Unhappily, there is no assurance that this will be the case. There is evidently still much uncertainty existing in official circles regarding future development of the Shing Mun scheme, and we share the Unofficial regret that the Government is unable to come out with a definite decision on the matter. A suggestion has been thrown out that there are divided opinions in the Government. If that is so, and the Shing Mun scheme is being still further held up in consequence, no structure on a system of government which makes this possible can be too severe. In the circumstances, an advisory committee might be of some value, provided there was some assurance that its opinions would be listened to. In any event, any further tinkering with this water problem will only serve to increase public impatience. The time for vigorous action has come.

We were gratified to read Sir Henry Pollock's condemnation, on behalf of all the Unofficials, of the suggestion that present-day residents should be saddled with interest on waterworks schemes which have long since been paid for out of revenue. This attitude, as well as the condemnation of the idea of seeking to make Government expenditure produce revenue which will give a reasonable rate of interest on capital expended, is fully in line with views which we have already expressed. The hints recently thrown out by H. E. the Governor regarding the discarding of the rider-main system and universal meterage were not seriously dealt with yesterday, presumably because the scheme is still very much in the air. For ourselves, we are quite opposed to the suggested change, which, we are sure, will arouse a very bitter controversy if ever brought forward.

Sinking of H.M.S. Kau Sing?

In expressing thorough disapproval, during the Budget debate, of the Government's proposal to establish a Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, the Unofficial Members of the Legislative Council struck in a rather unexpected quarter. The project is one which has been in the mind of Government for some considerable time, which might almost be regarded as one of its "favourite schemes," and it was, therefore, with some surprise that the unanimous condemnation by the Unofficials was received. And there is more in this lack of anticipation than is immediately obvious. We would suggest to the Government that it affords a certain degree of justification for the views expressed in the sense that the matter has been given little attention outside the Council for a very simple but important reason, lack of interest. The public hasn't worried its head over the matter, one way or the other, and it has been left to its representatives in Council to point the moral, though they have tackled the question from an entirely different angle. The amount involved is not more than \$30,000, but even this must be regarded as a big item when there are a whole host of small schemes to which the money could be devoted and which really necessities. Sir Henry Pollock opposes the creation of the R.N.V.R. on two grounds. In the first place, he feels, with his colleagues, that its establishment might conceivably affect detrimentally the Volunteer

DAY BY DAY.

NOTHING IS SO SAVAGE AND CRUEL AS INDIFFERENCE.—*Denison Maunice.*

There was a clean bill of health in the Colony yesterday.

The fifteenth annual general meeting of the Kowloon Football Club will be held at the Club Pavilion, on Monday, the 30th September, 1929, at 6 p.m. o'clock.

People passing at the junction of Wyndham Street and On Lan Street this forenoon had a drenching from what at first appeared to be a small cloudburst. The explanation was, however, soon forthcoming when a Fire Brigade officer was seen on the roof of the A.P.C. Building, evidently testing fire equipment!

THE "TELEGRAPH" ART SUPPLEMENT.

Variety in To-morrow's Pictures.

There will be much variety in the pictures appearing in to-morrow's issue of the *Telegraph* Art Supplement.

Sport will again predominate, and in this sphere there will be pictures taken at the football match between the Chinese and the Services, showing the team, H. E. the Governor kicking off, etc.; participants in the big Chinese sports meeting, with H. E. the Governor presenting prizes; the baseball match between Hongkong and the Japanese; and the winners of the Queen's College Inter-class volleyball shield. There will also be a picture of the Headquarters Co. K.O.S.B., winners of the inter Company Highland Dancing Competition.

Other illustrations will include a group taken on the visit to Hongkong of the new Chinese Minister to Brazil, another at the wedding of Mr. M. A. de Carvalho and Miss Ellaline Osmond, and one of the officers of the s.s. Taishan.

A splendid photo of the new N.Y.K. motor ship Asama Maru will also appear.

The Post Office announces an air mail for London this afternoon. The mail will close at 5 p.m. As before, letters must be posted over the counter at the General Post Office and must be superscribed "Air Mail," and fully prepaid at the rate of 20 cents per half ounce in addition to the usual postage for letters. Letters may be registered but no insurance will be available.

In connexion with the Chinese celebration of the Moon Festival, on Tuesday last, it is interesting to note that according to data collected by Chinese newspapers no less than \$2,000,000 worth of moon cakes were sold, while one well known confectionery firm in Hongkong claims the sale of \$100,000 worth. All round, the confectionery and tea-houses stated that they had done satisfactory business. The moon cake is one of the features of the Moon Festival and is freely purchased and consumed by the Chinese.

Thus the *Straits Times*.—Dr. Mustapa bin Osman has just obtained the M.D. degree at the Hongkong University. He left the Free School, Penang, to study medicine at the University of Hongkong in 1917. He graduated in 1923 and held resident appointments in the University Clinics at the Civil Hospital for six months in the Surgical unit and six months as House Physician in the Medical unit. He is now the Acting Professor of Pathology and Bacteriology in the Hongkong University. He is expected to return to Malaya some time next year and will join the service of the Kedah Government.

Defence Corps, and secondly, he is of opinion that the work of the Navy should be left to the Navy. To carry the latter argument to its logical conclusion, of course, it would be necessary to advocate the abolition of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps also, releasing another lakh or so for essential public works, on the ground that the work of the military should be left to the garrison. We agree, of course, that there are times when strict logic is out of place. Obviously, there are considerations which apply in the case of the Volunteer Corps which could never apply in the case of the projected R.N.V.R. The Government's favourite occupation, judging by certain comments yesterday, is the slaughter of pet schemes, and we imagine, therefore, that they will be able to accept the "reprobal" with good grace. The Unofficials have made out a case for abandonment which will be almost generally endorsed.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Bathing Sheds at Repulse Bay.

[To The Editor of *Hongkong Telegraph*.]

Sir,—May I avail myself of the hospitality of your columns to vent a grievance now obtaining at Repulse Bay? The typhoon of last month left in its wake a number of blown-down sheds. The typhoon took place on 22nd ult., fully 29 days ago, so that the reason why all the wrecked sheds have not been repaired, or demolished and removed from the beach, seems quite inexplicable. Surely, it must be one of the conditions for the granting of the permit that the permittee must maintain his shed in a serviceable condition. At present, some of the sheds do not only fail to fulfil the purpose for which permits were granted, but they constitute a real nuisance to those permittees who take the trouble to keep their sheds in good order.

Also, the countenance given by those in authority to the present deplorable state of the sheds, is actually lending assistance to insanitary conditions. In a great number of cases the rubbish containers, which were provided for the convenience of the shed-owners, are now covered up by the debris of the wrecked sheds, and precisely what vermin is thriving there one cannot tell, but it is certain that the number of flies has increased appallingly.

I believe it is time the Government should take steps to restore the state in which it was prior to the typhoon. But if it is a sad fact that the permittees cannot be compelled to rebuild their sheds, but can continue to leave them in their wrecked state, then at least the rubbish containers should be removed from their hidden locality, and the beach, generally, kept clean and free from fragments of debris which a passing wind causes to be removed from the wrecked sheds.

Enclosing my card.—Yours, etc.,

A SHED OWNER.

Hongkong, Sept. 20th, 1929.

ORIENTAL WINTER CRUISE.

AMERICAN LINE PROJECT FOR NEXT YEAR.

We have received from the local offices of the American Mail Line an interesting illustrated folder giving details of the 1930 Oriental Winter Cruise arranged by the Company in collaboration with the American Express Company.

The cruise starts from Seattle on January 25th by the s.s. President Cleveland and terminates at San Francisco on April 30th. It includes all Oriental ports of interest, with conveniently arranged side trips.

The rate per person is \$1,435 (gold). This includes all first class steamship fares and all shore travelling described in the itinerary. Afloat it covers excellent outside stateroom accommodation and all meals on American Mail Line and Dollar Steamship Line ships. Ashore it includes quarters in splendid hotels; railway expenses, including sleepers where necessary; risk and motor hire except for private expeditions; breakfasts, luncheons and dinners; transfers between stations and to hotels; sightseeing; the transportation of baggage and conductors' and guides' services.

21 YEARS AGO.

SOME EXTRACTS FROM THE "TELEGRAPH" FILES.

The following extracts are from the *Hongkong Telegraph* for the week ended September 19th, 1908:

The rate of the dollar on demand was 1st. 9.15/16d.

The Portuguese Minister to China agreed to the cancellation of the Canton-Macao railway concession.

Amongst the artists at a promenade concert at the Volunteer Parade Ground were Messrs. W. Hannibal, F. Austin, P. W. Goldring and George Grimble.

The Secretary of State approved the grant by the Hongkong Government of 60,000 square feet of land at Jubilee Road for the purposes of a Small-Pox Hospital. It was estimated that the Hospital would cost \$50,000, which would be subscribed by the Chinese community.

The Very Idea!

One of the strangest sights that I saw on a walk through London in the early hours of the morning a few days ago (says a writer in a Home paper) was a very battered felt hat beside some smudged pavement artist's pictures in a main thoroughfare near Charing Cross.

The hat was on the pavement, and was fastened to the railings by a piece of string, which was tied through a hole in the brim.

The pavement artist evidently left this portion of his equipment behind him every night to save himself the trouble of taking it home. When I passed a day or two later I saw the artist sitting by his pictures with his own cap, at one end, and for receiving contributions, and the "permanent" hat, still tied to the railings at the other.

(Is nothing is the wholesome practicalism of English rural life better shown than in the diversity of English cheeses.—*Daily Paper*.)

Some purchase frozen mutton. Some swear by caviare—I do not care a button. For foods from hands afar! Of all the prog and provender. We masticate with ease, May I suggest that quite the best Is a chunk of English cheese.

True Britons have been built on Foundations truly laid. Of Cheddar and of Stilton— Their fame can never fade! Let others purchase victuals That come from overseas. So long as we can always be Full-fed on English cheese!

Old Gentleman: Can you tell me the way to the Battersea Home for Lost Dogs? The Boy: It's a long way; are you in a hurry, sir? Old Gentleman: Yes, I am. The Boy: Then, if I was you, sir, I should bite a policeman.

How would the lawyers live if everyone knew the law?—Judge Cluer. Let us replace "Wine, woman, and song" by "Woman, peace, and humanity."—*Mrs. Corbett Ashby.*

Even games on Sunday are wiser than over-feeding.—*The Rev. Herbert Leggate.* The most hideous of all male garments—plus-fours.—*Mr. Osbert Burdett.*

An old lady, evidently up from the country, stood in a busy thoroughfare looking first at the ceaseless stream of traffic, then at the notice, "Pedestrians cross here."

"Humph," she was heard to mutter, "and I shouldn't blame 'em if they was downright angry."

Man at Stratford, E.: I have not taken out a wireless licence, because of the bad programme and oscillation. Youth at Southend charged with a motoring offence: Sorry I can't read the oath, but I can read a speedometer.

He walked across the floor of the police station as if he was practising the goose-step.—A doctor at Kingston-on-Thames giving evidence against a drunken motorist. I asked the defendant to come outside and he replied, "Sorry I cannot. My wife has gone and left me to mind the baby."—A constable at Southend.

Agent: "Now, madame, you've got the size of all the rooms. Is there anything else you want to check?" Difficult Client: "Yes; you said something about the house being two hundred feet above sea level."

WHO WAS?

DOGBERRY.

Constable Dogberry is one of the peerless creations of William Shakespeare, and you will find him at his best in "Much Ado About Nothing."

Dear old Dogberry might be described as the living embodiment of the British way of doing things. He performs his duty in spite of himself, his blunders on the right path by a series of miraculous mistakes.

Full of loquacious vanity, and fond of gigantic words, the meaning of which he but slightly grasps, Dogberry and his men nevertheless are the unwitting agents whereby the villainies of Don John are exposed, and a sweet lady's reputation cleared of infamy.

He is mightily indignant that one of the characters should have called him an ass, but an ass he certainly is—though, be it said, a lovable ass.

LATEST TRAFFIC PROSECUTIONS.

EUROPEANS AMONG TO-DAY'S LIST OF OFFENDERS.

NEGLIGENT DRIVING.

Charged before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Central Magistrate's Court this morning, with negligent driving at Leighton Hill Road, near No. 1 Police Station, on September 14, Mr. G. Bodiker, owner of car No. 1165, pleaded guilty.

Sgt. Baker, prosecuting, alleged that the defendant passed a Hongkong Hotel bus right at the corner of Percival Street. The day on which the offence occurred was a Saturday, said Sgt. Baker, and the street was rather crowded as there was a football match at Caroline Hill that afternoon.

Looking up the defendant's record, his Worship found that Mr. Bodiker had been driving since March and had a clean record. In fining defendant \$10, his Worship said: "You must not pass cars in this way. This is a very dangerous thing to do. I have to sit here to hold a number of inquests arising out of motor accidents."

Youth's Bad Record.

A Chinese youth named Li Sun-chan, the driver of motor cycle No. 160, expressed ignorance when he was charged with failing to report an accident which occurred on September 13 at Aberdeen, near the paper mill.

Sub-inspector Baker informed his Worship that the defendant collided with a push-bike, the rider of which was badly injured by the accident.

The defendant said he did not know it was necessary to report the accident.

His Worship found that the defendant had a bad record, having been convicted several times for traffic offences. After reading several items in the defendant's record, his Worship remarked that he (defendant) was not a fit person to have a licence and suggested to Inspector Nicols that it be cancelled.

"You have been driving since 1925 and yet you say that you didn't know it was necessary to report an accident. I will give you seven days to see what the Captain Superintendent of Police will do with your licence," added his Worship to the defendant.

Case Transferred.

Another man who was charged this morning with negligent driving was Mr. Alexander Reinschagen, the offence occurring on September 13 at 9.05 a.m. at the junction of Queen's Road West and Pokfulam Road.

This case came before Mr. Hamilton at first, but on learning the number of the defendant's car (1241) his Worship decided to let Mr. A. W. G. H. Grantham try the case, as he might be prejudiced. To the defendant, Mr. Hamilton said: "The way you passed a car in which I was travelling at Magazine Gap on Monday or Tuesday last was negligent. If I had not been a Magistrate, I would have taken out a summons against you myself."

Mr. Reinschagen apparently did not recall the incident.

Offence Denied.

Before Mr. Grantham, the defendant pleaded not guilty.

Giving evidence, Sub-Inspector Baker said that at about 9.05 a.m. on September 13, he was driving his motor cycle from the University to Queen's Road West. Just before he reached No. 7 Police Station, he received the "All Clear" signal from the Indian policeman on point duty. He went through, but suddenly he saw private car No. 1241 pull out from behind an Aberdeen bus, which had stopped.

Witness then told the defendant that he would take out a summons against him, but the defendant replied that thought the bus had stopped to allow passengers to alight. Witness, however, did not see any passengers leaving the bus at the time.

Defendant informed his Worship that the reason why he pulled out was because he wanted to see the constable's sign.

The Indian constable on duty at the time the incident occurred corroborated Inspector Baker's statement.

Defendant's Story.

In the box, defendant repeated his statement, saying that the bus stopped twice. At the first time, some people got out and some got in. The bus then went on and he followed a few yards away. He knew that the bus was going to Pokfulam Road but he was going straight on. Suddenly, the bus stopped and as he was behind it, he could not see the constable, but he also stopped.

Defendant said there was plenty of room for Sub-inspector Baker to pass him. As it was, said defendant, the police officer passed five yards beyond him.

Inspector Baker, however, denied this and said that he stopped in front of the defendant's car.

Defendant was fined \$5.

FORBES RUSSELL COMPANY.

EXCELLENT PERFORMANCE LAST NIGHT.

The Forbes Russell Company gave a convincing presentation of Sir Arthur Pinero's famous play, "The Second Mrs. Tanqueray," at the Theatre Royal last night, the acting of the principals being really excellent.

Of an altogether more serious character than most of the plays the Company have given us during their present season, last night's work imposed a heavy strain on the players who sustained the main roles, but it is sufficient tribute to the ability of the Company, that the manner of presentation kept the audience in a state of keen attention throughout.

The story of the play unfolds a very human problem, and there is a good deal of pathos in the role of Paula, the second Mrs. Tanqueray. Miss Vivian April, who was entrusted with this part, gave a really excellent portrayal, as also did Alec Alexander in his convincing characterisation of Aubrey Tanqueray. The work of these two players was undoubtedly the triumph of the evening. Heather Angel, as Tanqueray's daughter, Eileen, was none the less convincing, while John Manuel, as Cayley Drumble, proved himself to be a most versatile actor. The somewhat humorous role of Lady Orreyel was most ably interpreted by Isobel Pargiter, and that of Mrs. Corklyn, equally well done by Grace Ray. Charles Bradley had a small part in the first act which he also handled with ability.

The evening was an altogether enjoyable one, and it was a matter for satisfaction that the continuity of the play was not interrupted by applause. This came in no untimely manner after the final curtain.

ON WAY TO BRITAIN.



H.E. Mr. Alfred Sze and Madame Sze, at present in Hongkong on their way to England, where Mr. Sze takes up the post of Chinese Minister.

FREEDOM OF THE CITY

LONDON TO HONOUR PREMIER & CHANCELLOR.

London, Sept. 19: The freedom of the City of London will be presented to Mr. Ramsay MacDonald and Mr. Philip Snowden, in gold boxes, by the unanimous decision of the Corporation, in recognition of "Mr. MacDonald's" indomitable courage, energy and ability, whereby he raised himself to high office, and his efforts, by visiting the United States, to promote a better understanding and reach an agreement on the limitation of naval armaments; and Mr. Snowden's firm and successful action to protect British interests. —Reuter.

TEN WOMEN FINED SIR A. CONAN DOYLE AT KOWLOON.

REMOVED STONES TO SELL TO CONTRACTORS.

IGNORANCE PLEADED.

Ten Chinese female earth-carriers appeared before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, on charges of removing baskets of stones from the junction of Argyle Street and Waterloo Road.

All defendants pleaded guilty. Mr. F. E. Lawrence, who appeared on behalf of the Public Works Department, remarked that the stone was heaped along the side of a trench and was taken by the carriers from different places. The amount of stone removed was not known until it was replaced in the trench.

In reply to his Worship, Mr. Lawrence said the defendants would not say who had engaged them to remove the stones.

When questioned, the defendants said they wanted the stones to break and then sell to contractors, causing his Worship to remark that there seemed to be a lot of that going on. The people were not employed by any particular contractor, but they always got a market for the stones.

The defendants said they thought that Hongkong was like their own country where they could get earth from wherever they liked.

His Worship:—In the place where you come from have you got roads like Waterloo Road?

Defendants:—We are newcomers to the Colony and are ignorant of the laws.

His Worship:—You have been very quick in finding a market for your stones if you are newcomers.

Remarking that he had to do something to stop the removal of stones and earth from Crown land without a permit, his Worship fined each defendant \$5, or seven days' hard labour in default.

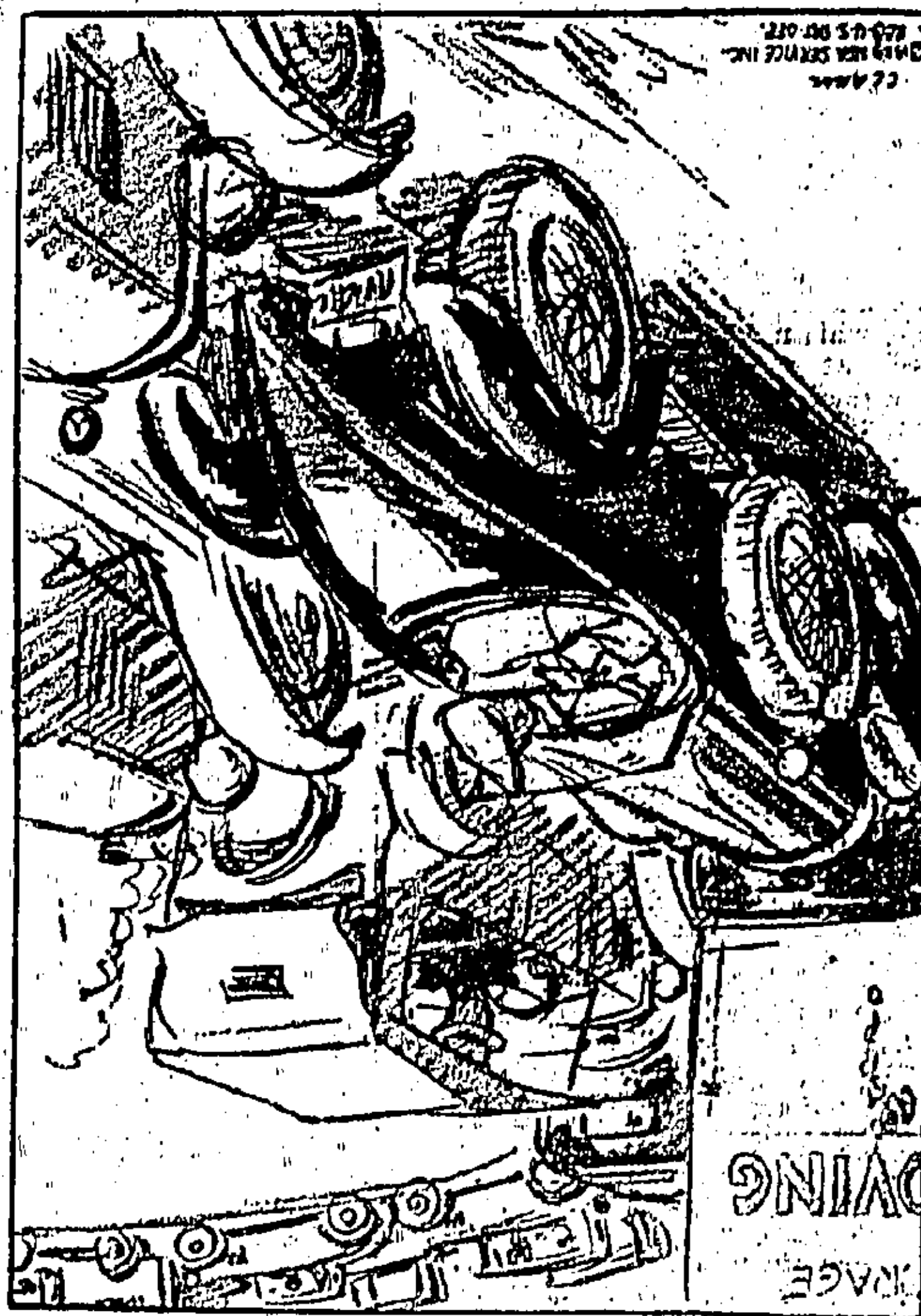
NINA & JACQUES.

WARMLY WELCOMED AT MAJESTIC THEATRE.

There were packed houses yesterday to welcome the return of Nina and Jacques at the Majestic Theatre, Kowloon after a successful appearance at the Repulse Bay Hotel. Judging from the reception and the enthusiastic applause which greeted each turn, they are as popular as ever.

They will appear in a complete change of programme to-day which includes the Dance Espanole and their famous Jazz Eccentricity. Lovers of good classical and acrobatic dancing should make a point of seeing these accomplished artists.

Richard Talmadge in his liveliest and most laughable picture, "Jimmie's Millions," is the supporting picture. A great cast, with pretty Betty Francisco in the leading role, supports the intrepid Richard. Others include Charles Clary, Brinsley Shaw, Lee Moran and Wade Boteler. The story, which deals with the trials of a young war hero who is always late in keeping appointments, and who is left a large fortune with the proviso that he be on time for three months, is a riot of rollicking fun and spectacular Talmadge stunt stuff.



The fastest car on the road.

HIT OVER THE HEAD WITH HAMMER.

DRASTIC METHOD OF DEBT COLLECTOR.

MATTER OF 5 CENTS.

A dispute over the paltry sum of five cents was the cause of a fight between two Chinese, who appeared before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, one as complainant and the other as defendant in an assault case.

It was alleged that the assault occurred in Wuhu Street Hung-hom, and that complainant suffered bodily harm.

The defendant pleaded guilty. Complainant, according to Sergeant Banks, owed the defendant five cents. When they met in the street, the defendant demanded repayment of the debt, but the complainant promised to return the money the following day. The defendant then struck the complainant over the head with a hammer.

His Worship, addressing the defendant, said that it was rather drastic to hit the complainant over the head with a hammer because he owed five cents.

The defendant: He owed me ten cents, not five.

His Worship: Well?

Defendant: I pressed him for it and he refused to pay.

His Worship: You had no right to hit him over the head with a hammer.

Sergeant Banks informed his Worship that the injury was not serious.

Defendant was fined \$20 or three weeks' hard labour and ordered to pay the complainant \$5 compensation. He was further made to sign a personal bond in the sum of \$50 to be of good behaviour for six months.

THEFT ON BOARD THE COBLENZ.

OLD OFFENDER GIVEN STIFF SENTENCE.

After being in custody for three weeks pending the return to the Colony of the complainant, a Chinese who was charged before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning with stealing a metal watch belonging to Mr. Ulbright of the a.s. Coblenz, was sentenced to six months' hard labour.

In reply to the charge the defendant, who originally pleaded not guilty, said that he picked up the watch at the door of the complainant's cabin.

His Worship: Well, that theft. It wasn't your watch?

Defendant: No. Mr. H. Carow, deck steward, said he saw defendant kneeling on one of the bunks in complainant's cabin while the Coblenz was in port on August 26 last. He was holding the watch in his hand.

The defendant was stated to have been previously sentenced for larceny. He was thought to be an ex-banisher, although no record could be found of this. His Worship passed sentence of six months' hard labour.

AMERICAN STOCKS.

CABLED QUOTATIONS FROM NEW YORK.

The following quotations as at the close of the market on Thursday have been received from their correspondents Messrs. Hayden, Stone and Co. of New York, by Messrs. Swan, Guberton and Fritz, Sassoon House, Shanghai, cable address: "Swanstock" (Shanghai), who are not responsible for the cable mutilations. The quotations are subject to confirmation.

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Anaconda Copper	125	126
Bethlehem Steel	130	130
Baltimore and Ohio	143	140
Chrysler Corp. (Common)	69	67
Elco Rly Co.	83	88
General Motors	75	75
General Rly Signal	120	119
Goodyear Tyre and Rubber	unq.	103
Granby Consolidated	92	90
Copper	92	90
International Cement (Common)	67	70
Missouri Pacific (Common)	91	91
Liggett and Myers	94	93
Nevada Consolidated	48	48
Copper	48	48
Radio Corporation of America (Common)	105	104
Standard Oil Co. of New York	46	45
Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey	78	77
Southern Pacific	149	151
Texas Corporation	68	68
United States Steel	245	242
Vacuum Oil	124	121

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THE WORLD OF SPORT



SHAMEEN CRICKET.

NAVAL SIDE DISMISSED FOR
20 RUNS!

Canton, Sept. 19.
For the third time in succession, the Shameen Sports Club defeated H.M.S. Cicala yesterday afternoon in a match played at the Fati ground. Though Shameen were playing only ten men, they won by the largest margin of any of the matches.

Winning the toss, Shameen went in first and compiled 91 runs in 51 minutes. Lay and Linaker batted first and knocked out 39 before Lay was clean bowled by Maybourne, having made 18, including four 4's. Linaker was caught by Bolton off Glynn almost immediately afterwards, having made 23, including five 4's. Maybourne took Hill's wicket for 2, and Caveney was run out through and Caveney was run out afterwards, making four wickets down for 52. With Galloway and Lammert at the wicket, another good stand was made, 59 runs being added before Lammert was clean bowled by Pinder after making 26, including four 4's. Pinder's next ball took Green's wicket, Galloway retiring at the same time after knocking up 18. Duncan only stood up to one ball from Pinder, the second taking his wicket. After a maiden over from Maybourne, Pinder took Kavarana's wicket with the first ball of his next over, having taken four wickets with five balls for 20, the three last wickets falling for 0. The Shameen score was 91.

The Cicala innings was an absolute debacle, the highest individual score being 5 and the ten wickets falling for 20 runs. Linaker took four wickets for 10, and Duncan five for 9. Details:
Shameen Sports Club.
A. T. Lay, b Maybourne 18
J. Linaker, c Bolton, b Glynn 23
E. R. Hill, b Maybourne 2
P. T. Caveney, run out 15
Wm. Galloway, retired 16
F. E. W. Lammert, b Pinder 0
B. J. Green, b Pinder 0
Geo. Duncan, Jr., b Pinder 0
V. E. C. Ferrier, not out 0
H. S. Kavarana, b Pinder 0
Extras 6
Total 91

Bowling Analysis.
O. M. R. W.
Maybourne 10 1 43 2
Glynn 3 0 26 1
Pinder 6 1 2 20 4

H.M.S. Cicala.
Garlick, c Hill, b Duncan 1
Rees, c Linaker, b Duncan 1
Harris, b Linaker 1
Harris, b Linaker 1
Lt. Comdr. Bostock, b Linaker 0
Surg. Lt. Bolton, b Linaker 0
Rigby, c Hill, b Linaker 0
Rander, c Hill, b Linaker 0
Bryant, run out 0
Pinder, b Duncan 2
Maybourne, not out 0
Glynn, b Duncan 0
Extras 0
Total 20

Bowling Analysis.
O. M. R. W.
J. Linaker 5 1 10 4
Geo. Duncan, Jr. 4 2 1 9 6

SATURDAY'S CRICKET.

UNIVERSITY v. THE CLUB
DE RECREO.

The following will represent the Varsity 2nd XI in a friendly match against the Club de Recreo on Saturday at 2 p.m. King's Park, Kowloon: F. Hiptoola (Capt.), M. B. Osman, K. T. Loke, F. S. Chen, G. E. Yeoh, A. A. Aziz, K. P. Gan, D. Roy, C. Candah, A. Rodrigues and A. Nor-mahboy. Scorer M. Yahyaboy.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

Attention is drawn to the fact that the entries for the Ladies' Recreation Club annual tennis tournament, to take place during October and November, close to-morrow. For the Ladies' Open Singles, the matches, except the semi-finals and final, may be played on any grass court in the Colony.

FRIENDLY FOOTBALL.

The following players have been selected to represent the H.K.F.C. versus Navy, on the Club ground, kick off at 5 p.m., on Saturday: Rodgers, Bishop, Wallington, Gilchrist, Ralston, Watson, Reid, J. M. Wilson, Holmes, Alexander and Trambitsky.

HONDA IN FINAL.

M. W. LO RETIRES FROM
CONTEST.

In anticipation of another great struggle between T. Honda and M. W. Lo, in the semi-final of the Chinese Athletic Association tennis tournament, a large number of enthusiasts wended their way to North Point yesterday, but it is safe to say that most of them were more or less disappointed at the result, which, to the opinion of many, was a tame end to Wednesday's splendid tussle.

Both players were obviously still feeling the strain of the previous day's game. Lo was the more unlucky of the two, as he was affected by the heat both on Wednesday and yesterday, so much so that he had to retire in favour of Honda after only two sets had been played. Yesterday's match did not approach the previous standard of play. Honda now and then showed what he was capable of, by his strong forehand drives, some of which he did very well to return while the latter was bent to great advantage in half-volleys. Honda was content to stay near the base-line, while his opponent was more enterprising.

The first set went to Lo at 7-5, after a struggle which took almost everything out of both players. Lo was apparently "all in," and Honda won the second set also by 7-5, but it could be seen that Lo was not at his best.

The umpire, Mr. Ho Ka-lau, then announced that Lo was unable to continue, and the match was awarded to the Japanese player, who will now meet Lim Bong-so, the Straits player, in the final.

H.K.C.C. "at Home."
The representatives of "The Rest" of the First Division of the Hongkong Lawn Tennis League to play against the Champions at the "at home" on the Hongkong C.C. have been selected and although it is not, possibly, the strongest combination available, the team will no doubt give the winners a good match.

The six players are drawn from three Clubs, E. C. and E. F. Finch, Ho Ka-lau, and Yew Man-kit are chosen from the Chinese R.C. with H. Yoshida and T. Akiyama drawn from the M.B.K.

The final "of the Hong Doubles" Tournament will also be played off. The finalists are A. D. Humphreys and R. K. Valentine of Messrs. Dodd, Bell and Co. and S. E. Green and G. B. Bell.

Lady Clement will present the prizes while it is hoped that His Excellency the Governor will also be present.

By kind permission of the Officers, the band of the 2nd Battalion, King's Own Scottish Borderers, will play selections during the afternoon.

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

ARMY v. SOUTH CHINA
TO-MORROW.

Arrangements have been made to play a friendly football match, Army v. South China Athletic Association, on the Sookunpoo football ground to-morrow, kick-off at 4.30 p.m. The following players have been selected to represent the Army:—Gr. Fletcher (R.A.); Cpl. Gardiner (2nd K.O.S.B.); Sgt. Hayward (1st S.I.L.); L/Ops. Everest & Davey, (2nd K.O.S.B.); Gr. Joyce (R.A.); Sgt. Skiggs, Pte Stock (2nd K.O.S.B.); Cpl. Rayson, Sgt. Bewleybull & Pte Butcher (1st S.I.L.) Reserves:—Gr. Oliver (R.A.), Pte Harris (1st S.I.L.), Pte Alexander (2nd K.O.S.B.). Mr. Mackie will be referee, and Pte Lamb (R.A.M.C.) linesman. In addition to the above, a friendly match has been arranged to be played between the S.I.L. Reserves and the South China "A" Reserves at Sookunpoo, kick-off at 3 p.m.

THE HOCKEY CLUB.

TRIAL GAMES ARRANGED
FOR NEXT WEEK.

The Hongkong Hockey Club has arranged two trial games for next week, the first to be played at King's Park at 4.30 p.m. on Monday when the teams will be:
Whites: W. Borrowman, R. R. Todd, L. F. Nicholson, Danby, A. R. Botelho, L. A. R. Duncan, Lennox, Fox, G. E. E. Divett, Dale and H. Marshall.
Colours: C. L. Gregory, G. Rankin, F. R. Rowell, Lasonder, W. R. Greenhalgh, E. R. West, Ross, R. W. Skipp, H. V. Parker, McDougall, and R. D. Beaumont.

The teams for the second game to be played at King's Park at 6.30 p.m. on Friday, September 27 will be:
Whites: C. L. Gregory, W. Woodward, J. Rodger, R. M. Wood, A. A. Dand, J. E. Noronha, T. J. Price, R. K. Valentine, M. G. Marriot, E. D. Lawrence and R. H. D. Wade.
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VOLUNTEER FUNDS.

CHINESE CLERK COMMITTED
FOR TRIAL.

So King-man, a Government clerk charged with misappropriation of Volunteer Corps funds, was committed for trial before the Supreme Court yesterday afternoon, at the close of the Police Court proceedings, before Mr. E. W. Hamilton.

For the defence, Mr. F. H. Loseby made an ineffectual plea for the accused to be dealt with there and then, summarily, but disagreeing, his Worship said that it was as much for the man's own good as it was the Magistrate's duty to commit, that the accused should be sent up to the Higher Court.

Major R. A. Wolfe-Murray, the Adjutant of the Defence Corps, testified that the accused had been his only clerk during the whole time that he had been acting as Adjutant. Shown four bills, witness affirmed that they were incurred by the H.K.V.C. and were all marked "approved for payment." They corresponded with the four cheques which he now knew to be forgeries insofar as the endorsements on the backs were not those of the firms to which these cheques were made payable. The signatures, however, were witness', and the writing on the bodies of the cheques was that of the defendant.

Strictly speaking, witness said he should have paid out these uncrossed cheques across his desk to the proper shroffs who presented the bills, but he had been satisfied with paying out these cheques to the accused when the latter produced the bills with the receipts attached.

Speaking of the Pharmacy account, witness said he was aware of the matter of the refund from that firm, he was inclined to think that the accused did not intend to turn it into the Bank before the end of the month, as he was not compelled by the nature of his duties to, the cash account not closing before the 31st.

Mr. Hamilton referred to a general Government order, which he gathered, was to the effect that no Government employee was allowed to have charge of Government money.

Accused's Record.

Replying to Mr. Loseby, witness said that the accused after his arrest made a clean breast of all those accounts, and even drew witness' attention to the matter of the Pharmacy account which witness had overlooked. Witness knew that the accused was married and had a family of four or five children, that he had been ill himself and that there had been sickness in his family. The accused drew a total monthly emolument of £143, of which £15 was for house allowance. He had been in Government service for 18 years, and had had a good record until the present case. It was

SINGAPORE VISITORS.

LAWN TENNIS & ATHLETICS
AT CANTON.

Canton, Sept. 19.
The Singapore Chinese athletic representatives, who since their arrival in Canton two days ago have participated in swimming, tennis, and other athletic contests, will be entertained by the city athletic organizations at Nam Yuan Restaurant this evening.

Yesterday, Mr. Ho, the Singapore player, engaged Mr. Ho Chung-meng in a fine exhibition tennis match on the courts of the Municipal Athletic Club, the score being 4-6, 7-5, 6-3 in favour of the Canton player.

To-day, the Singapore players will play the local stars in doubles at the above club.—Canton News Agency.

on record that the Commandant of the Corps had been giving \$50 a year to the accused as a present for special services. It was also on record that he was on duty throughout the strike and that special mention of his services was made to the Government and he was given a reward of \$50 by the Government as the result.

Mr. Loseby: I think I am right, Major Wolfe-Murray, in saying that his friends and relatives on his behalf, had offered restitution to you?

Witness agreed.

Restitution was made and refused by the Government—Yes.

Witness added, in reply to the Magistrate, that he could not say whether refusal by the Government was due to the fact that the case was pending. Asked for his own opinion of the accused, witness said: "I trusted him and looked upon him as a loyal and hard worker. I feel absolutely certain, if he had come to me for financial assistance, that I would have readily extended it to him."

Asked by the Magistrate if he intended putting his client in the box, Mr. Loseby said he had been hoping that with a full admission of guilt, his Worship would be taking the case himself instead of committing it. In the former case, he had proposed to address his Worship very shortly, and what he would say would not have been uncomplimentary to the Court.

His Worship having reiterated that it was his intention to commit the accused, Mr. Loseby submitted that the ends of justice would be fully met by the man being dealt with there and then, since he had pleaded guilty. Mr. Loseby also referred to the publicity and suspense which the accused was undergoing, submitting that these constituted additional factors in what he regarded as the "justice of the punishment that could be inflicted by the Magistrate's Court."

His Worship decided to commit the accused for trial at the October Criminal Sessions, observing that this was one of the cases where the duty of a Magistrate went against his inclinations.

SHARE PRICES

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.

Hongkong Bank, \$123½ b.
Chartered Bank, \$19½ b.
Mercantile & B., \$32½ n.
P. and O. \$29½ n.
East Asia \$30½ n.

Insurances.

Canton Ins., \$632 b.
Union Ins., \$344 b.
North China, Ins., Tls. 160 b.
Yangtze Ins., \$60 n.
China Underwriters, \$2 n.
China Fire, \$310 b.
H. K. Fire Ins., \$755 b.

Shipping.

Douglases, \$27½ n.
H. K. Steamboats, \$25 b.
H. K. Tugs, \$2 a.
Indo-China, (Def.) \$70 n.
Union Waterboats, \$22 a.

Mining.

Benguets, \$3.35 b.
Kallans, 62/6 n.
Langkats, Tls. 15 n.
Shai Explorations, Tls. 140 n.
Raubs, \$9.50 b.
Tronohs, 21/- n.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$133½ b.
Whampoa Docks, \$32½ b.
China Providents, \$4.75 b.
Hongkows, Tls. 181 n.
New Engineerings, Tls. 7.90.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 145 b.

Cottons.

Ewo Cottons, Tls. 21.80 b.
Orientals, Tls. 2.30 b.
Shai Cottons, Tls. 104 (old) b.
Lands, Hotels, etc.
H. and S. Hotels, \$9.35 b.
H. K. Lands, \$61½ a.
Shai Lands Tls. 160 b.
Humphreys, \$14.10 b.
Realities, \$7.80 n.

Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$18.35 s.
Peak Trams, (old) \$11.80 n.
Star Ferries, \$67 b.
China Lights, (Old) \$13.05 b.
H. K. Electric, \$62 b.
Macao Electric, \$23 b.
Telephones \$7 b.
China Buses, Tls. 141 b.
Singapore Traction, 11/- s.

Industrials.

China Sugars, 95 s.
Malabons, \$27 n.
Canton Ices, \$2.50 b.
Cements (Comb.) \$9.40 aa.
Ropes (Old) \$7.35 b.
United Asbestos \$5 b.
Stores, etc.

Dairy Farms, \$19.90 n.
Watsons, \$11.90 b.
Der A. Wings, 80 n.
Lane Crawford, \$14 n.
Mackintosh, \$18 b.
Sinceros, \$12 b.

Miscellaneous.

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Constructions, \$1.40 s.
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COUNCIL MEETING.

PURCHASE OF THE SAILORS' HOME SITE.

Chief interest in yesterday's Legislative Council meeting was the debate on the Budget, a full report of which appeared in our issue of last evening.
His Excellency The Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.), presided and there were also present:
His Excellency The General Officer Commanding the Troops (Major General J. W. Sandilands, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.).
The Colonial Secretary (Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G.).
The Attorney General (Hon. Sir Joseph Kemp, Kt., K.C., C.B.E.).
The Secretary for Chinese Affairs (Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North).
The Colonial Treasurer (Hon. Mr. M. J. Breem).
Hon. Mr. H. T. Greasy, C.B.E. (Director of Public Works).
Hon. Mr. T. H. King, (Captain Superintendent of Police).
Hon. Commander G. F. Hole, R.N. (Retired) (Harbour Master).
Hon. Dr. A. R. Wellington (Director of Medical and Sanitary Services).
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Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga.
Hon. Dr. S. W. To'o, C.B.E., LL.D.
Hon. Mr. B. D. F. Beith.
Hon. E. I. Wynne-Jones, (Deputy Clerk of Councils).

Excesses on Sub-Heads.
The Colonial Secretary, Sir, in accordance with the maximum *de minimis non curat lex*, it has been the custom of this Government since, I believe, the year 1910, if not earlier, to regard items of \$20 when they constitute an excess over the total of any sub-head in the Estimates, as being matters of such trivial moment as not to deserve or require the attention of this honourable Council. Our lynch-eyed auditors, however, when considering the report of the Colony's Accounts for the year 1927, drew our attention to the fact that we were not complying with the strict letter of the Colonial regulations and requested us to comply with them. That is the cause of the two motions which stand in my name on the Agenda paper. The items, as you will see, are all, with one exception, under \$20, and I have to ask the authority of the Council for passing these excesses on the sub-heads in the Supply Bill for 1927 and 1928.
Honourable members may, perhaps, call my attention to the fact that one item is more than \$20, viz., item 33, in the first motion, of \$756.73, for a one ton motor lorry specially fitted as a Mobile Wireless Station. This item should not, in my opinion, have appeared in the Colony's accounts at all, except as an advance. It represents that portion of the cost of this motor lorry which was contributed by the Corps funds of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps. The rest of the cost was borne by Government, but when the lorry came to be paid for the whole sum was charged temporarily to the votes of the Colony. The end of the financial year, which falls on the 31st December for all Government accounts, caught this portion of the cost not yet repaid by the Volunteer Defence Corps, and although it was repaid in 1928, the auditors

have drawn our attention to the fact that as it stands, it is in our books as a charge against the revenues of the Colony and therefore should receive the approval of this Council. I move Sir,

"That this Council approve the expenditure of the sums set out in the 3rd column of the schedule appended hereto, being amounts expended in excess of the amounts already approved by this Council for the year 1927 in respect of the sub-heads referred to in the said schedule."
The Colonial Treasurer seconded and the motion was carried.
A similar motion in respect of items for the year 1928 was also carried.

Maintenance Orders.

The Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill intitled "An Ordinance to amend the Maintenance Orders (Facilities for Enforcement) Ordinance, 1921." He said: This Bill, Sir, proposes to make in the principal Ordinance certain technical amendments which experience has shown are necessary and which are fully explained in the Objects and Reasons. I beg to move the first reading.

The Colonial Secretary seconded and the Bill was read a first time.

The following Bills passed all their remaining stages and became law:
An Ordinance to amend the Offences against the Person Ordinance, 1865.
An Ordinance to amend the law relating to accessories to and abettors of indictable offences.

The Sailors' Home.

In connection with a vote for \$180,000 relating to the resumption of the Sailors' Home at West Point and the purchase of a site in Kowloon, the Colonial Secretary, in Finance Committee, in reply to the Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes, said: In case hon. members do not remember the facts of this case—they go back for very many years—I think I am right in saying that it was in 1923 and 1924 that an agreement was reached between the Government and the Trustees of the Sailors' Home which was submitted to the Secretary of State, approved by him, and I believe approved by the then members of the Finance Committee, by which the Government was to purchase the Sailors' Home at West Point for \$800,000 and the provision of a site in Kowloon. The whole thing went into abeyance in 1925. Neither the Trustees nor the Government were in a position to go on, and it was only six months or so ago that serious steps were taken to reopen negotiations. The Government was then asked if it stood by its promise, and naturally it said "Yes." The Trustees put a new suggestion to the Government that they should amalgamate with the Seamen's Institute at Wanchai and, instead of building a new place in Kowloon, should build a combined institute on the Praya East. The Kowloon site, therefore, became useless to them and they offered to sell it back to the Government for \$100,000. The Government agreed that their proposals were sound and, with the Secretary of State, I think if I remember rightly, the approval of the Finance Committee as well, the scheme was settled on those lines. The Government will pay \$900,000 altogether, for which it will get the present Sailors' Home at West Point and the site in Kowloon, and the Sailors' Home will be amalgamated with the Missions to Seamen

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and the new place will be on the Praya.
Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall:—May I ask to what use it is proposed to put this site?

The Chairman:—Which site?
Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall:—The \$800,000 site.

The Chairman:—I think the present idea is that a police station should be built for that part of Hongkong on part of the site. Hon. members will probably remember it includes the Church as well, and some day we shall have to redeem our promise of \$50,000 for the Church.

Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall:—Will you make a note that Unofficial members be given an opportunity of studying the scheme when it is formulated. We should like to know how it is proposed to utilise such an expensive site.

The Chairman:—I do not think anything will be done for some time. I will make a note of it.

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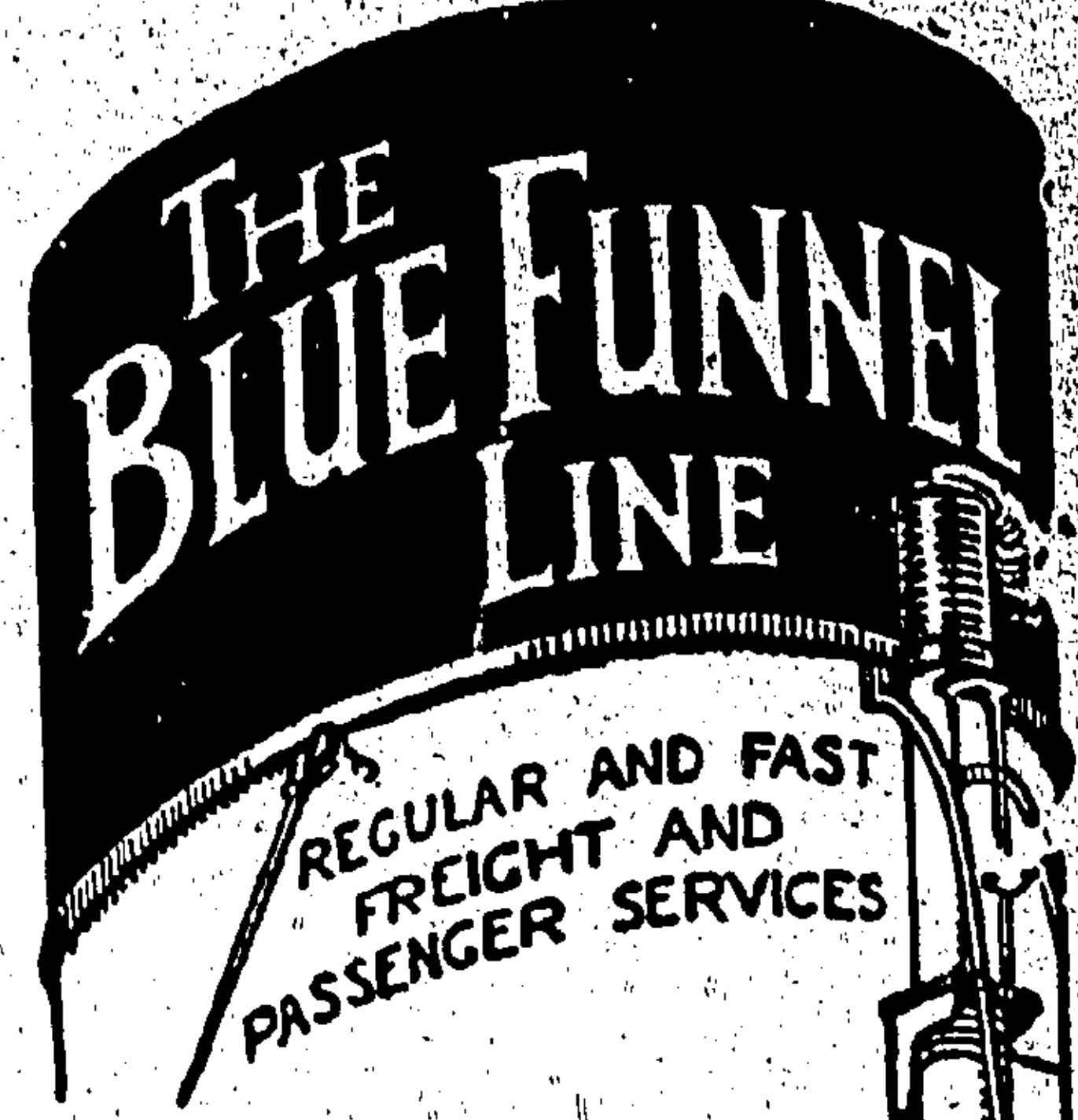
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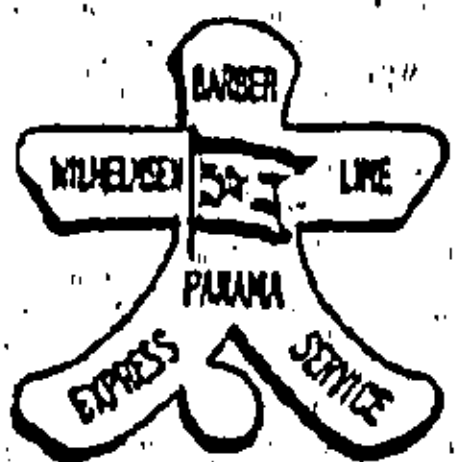
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RECENT ROBBERY.

ARRESTS IN NATHAN ROAD AFFAIR.

The preliminary trial of two men on charges arising out of an armed robbery committed at No. 681, Nathan Road, on September 3, last, was commenced before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon. Sub-inspector James conducted the case on behalf of the Police and in describing the facts, said that the evidence was to the effect that the two defendants appeared at the door of No. 681, Nathan Road, second floor, at about 10 a.m. on September 3. One of them was carrying a parcel while the other had a letter addressed to the occupier of the flat.

The men were admitted to the floor by the amah and asked to see the master. The mistress went to see what the man wanted and she was seized by one of them while another inmate was seized by the other defendant. The two women were then robbed of their jewellery, consisting of a finger ring and a pair of bangles.

Continuing Sub-inspector James mentioned that there was a certain amount of conflicting evidence with regard to the number of men concerned in the affair. One of the inmates stated that three men entered the floor while another said there were four.

A certain amount of noise was made while one of the victims shouted out "save life." The cries were not heard in the street but an amah who was on the roof, heard the shouts and going into No. 691 she gave the alarm.

Police whistles were blown and officers at the Mongkok Police Station which is near the scene of the robbery, went towards the house and arrested the two defendants as they ascended the stairs. They were taken back to the floor and when searched the stolen property was found on their persons.

During an examination of the floor two daggers were found and it would be given in evidence that one of the defendants was seen in possession of a dagger.

It was not quite sure whether there were others concerned in the robbery or whether in the excitement the inmates imagined that there were more than two. It was very likely that there were only two but one witness would say that two other men made their escape by going on to the roof.

Evidence of the production of plans of the house was given by Mr. C. A. Geimes after which the outline given by Sub-inspector James was borne out by witnesses.

The case was adjourned.

MURDER OF BISHOP.

WORK OF A FANATICAL SOCIETY.

Hankow, Sept. 19.

A letter has just been received by the Franciscan Mission revealing that the murders of Bishop Jans and his co-workers, Fathers Bruno and Rupertus, were perpetrated by Spirit Soldiers, members of a fanatical society similar to the Red Spears of Honan. There are no further details regarding the crime.—*Reuter.*

LOCAL CURRENCY PROBLEM.

(Continued from Page 2.)

Views of the Meeting.

In the ensuing discussion, Mr. Chiu Chao-fan pointed out the numerous advantages which this Colony previously enjoyed as a shipping centre and entrepot, but with the comparatively recent development of new shipping and commercial routes, and the 1925 strike and boycott, firms in the producing centres have taken to shipping goods direct to consumers. The strike in 1925 also taught the producers the possibilities of sending goods direct to Canton from any foreign country. The speaker cited the case of sugar from Java and rice from Annam, etc., now being shipped direct to consumers. More or less the same position affected the re-export business of China products from Hongkong. In this latter case, the strike in 1925 made dealers or consumers realise that by ordering from Canton they would be able to save the transportation expenses incurred when ordering through a Hongkong firm acting as agent.

The same speaker continued to say that not only was business affected consequent on the strike, but on the whole the business of Britain with China had dropped from first to third position in the total annual exports to China. Japan now claims the first position on account of her geographical nearness and other advantages over European competitors.

Reverting to the causes of the depression in Hongkong trade, the speaker said that the lack of business trust among Chinese traders and exporters here had resulted in business going from South to North China. At this juncture the speaker gave a few examples of the unsatisfactory state of affairs among some Chinese business men here.

Mr. Chiu concluded by saying that the currency system in Hongkong, the unsatisfactory state of which had just been dealt with fully by Mr. Ho Kwong, was undoubtedly another factor hindering the rapid development of trade in this part of China.

New Chinese Tariffs.

Reference was made to the newly inaugurated tariff schedule of the Chinese Government, when Mr. Ng U-cham rose and told the meeting that this new tariff rate had placed Hongkong in a most embarrassing position, when exporters in North China found that it was to their advantage to send goods from their producing centres to Canton for distribution to the interior parts of the Two Kwangs, for the simple reason that by so doing they would save the payment of additional taxation and transportation expenses. The result of this is that firms in Nam Pak Hong, who did an enormous business with North China before, now find that they will have to open branches in Canton or else will have to suffer by suspending connections with exporters in the North.

Mr. Ng admitted that one of the remedies for the depression in Hongkong would be to revise the existing currency problem here.

Mr. Ho Kwong said he proposed to call a meeting of members of the 24 Trade Guild with the view to petition the Government to take action to remedy the currency

CORRESPONDENCE.

Charity Concert Proceeds.

[To The Editor of Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—I shall be much obliged if you will kindly publish the following statement in connection with the concert held in the Royal Naval Canton Theatre on Wednesday, September 4, in aid of the dependents of those who lost their lives in the recent Naval disasters involving H. M. Submarine H.47 and L.12 and H.M.S. Devonshire, and which was run under the auspices of the R.A.O.B. Club.

In the first place it is the wish of myself, the Committee and the members of this Club to thank most heartily His Excellency the Governor, Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G., His Excellency Major General J. W. Sandilands, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., and Commodore R.A.S. Hill, R.N., for so kindly extending their patronage to this worthy cause.

Secondly the general public for their whole-hearted support and those ladies and gentlemen who, being unable to attend, kindly forwarded their donations, a list of whom is given below. Also the various firms who advertised on the programme, and Messrs. Anderson & Co., for kindly lending, free of charge, a baby grand piano.

Last but not least, Lieut. Col. Little, D.S.O., O/C Somerset Light Infantry (P.A.), and the members of the "Buzzers Follies," without whom such a highly successful result could not have been attained. I am chairman of this Club and on behalf of the Committee and members, do once again thank you, the ladies and gentlemen of the "Buzzers Follies," for your splendid and successful effort on behalf of a worthy cause, and which must have entailed a tremendous amount of hard work during your spare time. We wish you every success in the future.

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C. W. H. WILSON,
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position. His resolution was duly passed.

The chairman also indicated his willingness to accept any useful suggestions from members, and the Chinese public, on the problem of high rents in Hongkong, of which many traders are now complaining, and he reserved the discussion on the rent problem until the next meeting.

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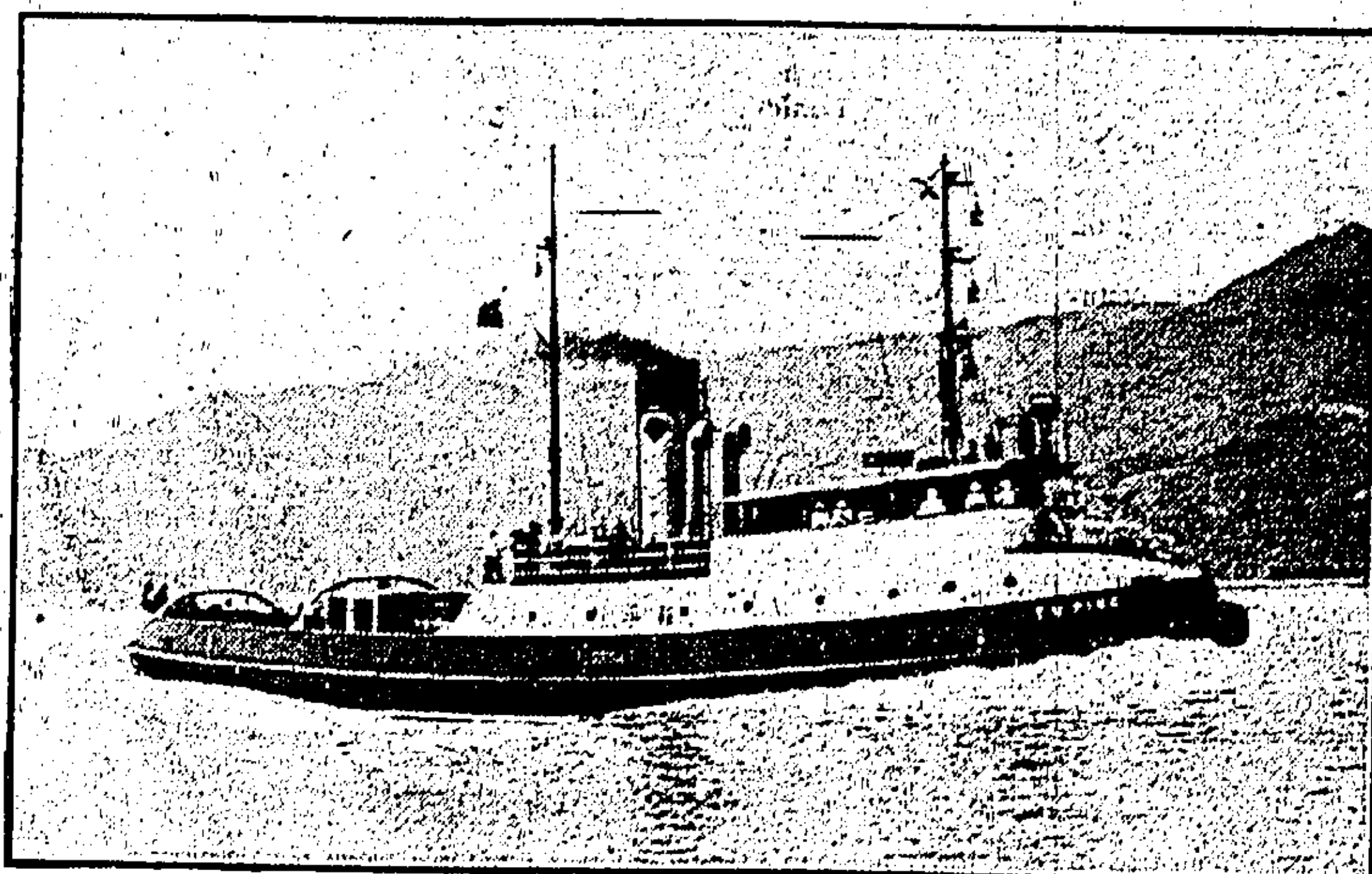
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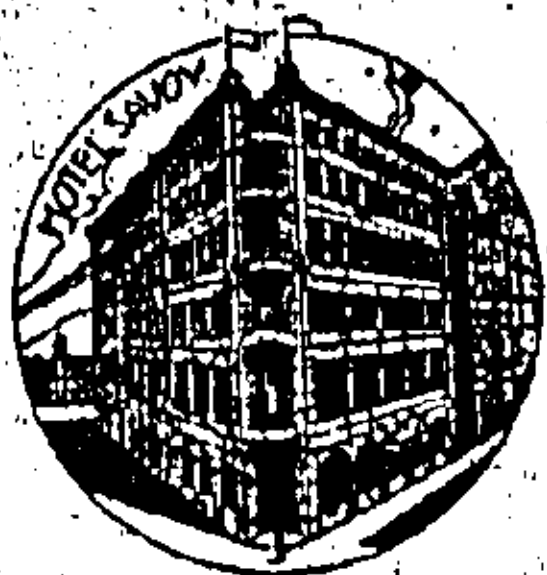
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DEATH SENTENCE WITHOUT TRIAL.

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me such a power I shall be pre-
pared to do so, but my own ex-
perience tells me that I have no
such power. I am afraid you
must make representations to the
proper authority.

Mr. Tam:—Perhaps the At-
torney-General might withdraw the
charge temporarily.

Mr. Fitzroy said he could not
do so and explained that accused
had been under observation by
Dr. Cannon who had found no
signs of insanity.

Guild Organisation.

Stating the facts of the case,
at his Lordship's request, Mr.
Fitzroy said the murder took
place at Second Street, West
Point, in premises occupied by
sandal wood workers. The workers
had a room on the third floor
where people belonging to the
guild congregated. There was a
scheme by which those out of
work could go to the premises
where they were fed and provided
with sleeping room. Whatever
the amount of their indebtedness
to the guild, they were allowed to
pay when they obtained work.

At the beginning of last Chinese
New Year, accused was out of
work and went to the premises
but, in order to minimise the
amount he would eventually have
to pay, he offered to act as cook
and his services were accepted so
that he did not have to pay any-
thing.

He was given certain money to
buy food and either spent \$2 more
than he should have done or failed
to account for that sum. There
was also an episode when he
bought a duck which he produced
for the members but which they
said was no good after eating it.
In consequence, accused said he
would pay for the duck himself
and the sum of \$1.38 was debited
against him, making his total in-
debtedness \$3.38.

The Threat and Attack.

Mr. Fitzroy went on to say it
was a rule of the club that accounts
should be settled at the end of every
month. If not so paid, the amount
due was doubled each succeeding
month until when \$50 or more was
due, the offending member was
suspended. That procedure was
adopted with the amount owed by
accused until eventually it
amounted to \$53. On August 8
a notice was posted that accused
owed the money. At the time of
the posting, accused was absent
but when he returned he saw the
notice and took objection to it. One
man said to accused: "If you don't
pay you had better get out."

Accused then made use of an ex-
pression which had been interpreted
by witnesses as "All right. One
man pays for the debt and two men
pay for the injuries."

On August 11 there were between
10 and 20 people sleeping on the
floor. Accused got up and he must
have gone to the kitchen where a
chopper was, returned with the
chopper and cut Lo Kau's throat.
He then proceeded to attack two
other men, causing a wound in the
chest of one man and cutting the
third man's cheek. The last man
grappled with accused but finding
himself weakening he dashed down-
stairs and called in a policeman with
the result that accused was arrested.
Two of the men recovered but
Lo Kau died before he reached hos-
pital.

Objected to Notice.

Proceeding, Mr. Fitzroy said the
Crown interpretation of accused's
previous remark was that he at-
tacked Lo Kau for the debt and the
other two for the injuries. There
was no doubt that accused objected
to the notice being posted up as he
had been in the guild for at least
20 years and perhaps longer. The
Crown case was that he allowed
himself to dwell upon the matter
until he committed the crime.

Mr. Fitzroy added that his de-
meanour at the Police Court was
"you are wasting time. Get on
with the case."

At his Lordship's request, coun-
sel for the Crown dealt with a re-
port made by Dr. Cannon which
stated that accused was of higher
intelligence than the average Chi-
nese of his social position, and
there were no signs of insanity.

His Lordship, passing the death
sentence, said:—I have done my
best to get him to enter a plea of
not guilty, but he has refused to do
so and I must proceed according
to the law.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following warships are in
port:—

Basin.—H.M. Ships Tomar,
Serapis and Seraph and Submarine
L19.

North Arm.—H.M. Ships Storm-
cloud and Sterling.

In Dock.—H.M.S. Tarantula,
No. 9 Buoy, Cicada.

Foreign.—U.S. G/B. Mindanao.

CHINA IN A QUEST FOR HEALTH.

DESIRE ASSISTANCE
OF THE LEAGUE.

A SPECIAL MISSION TO BE
SENT TO NANKING.

COUNCIL'S PLEASURE.

Geneva, Sept. 19.
China's request for co-operation
in the Health Organisation of the
League of Nations was the subject
of discussion by the Council, of
the League of Nations to-day.

It was afterwards announced
that the Medical Director of the
League would leave for the Far
East next month, reaching Nan-
king in November, where he would
consider on the spot a scheme for
co-operation and also China's pro-
posal in regard to public health in
the ports and maritime quarantine
regulations.

Competent Authorities.

The plan for co-operation must
be prepared with the competent
Chinese authorities and will be
considered by the Health Com-
mittee when the Mission returns
to Europe. When the Committee
has reached a decision, they will
immediately submit their recom-
mendations to the Council.

The Councilors were most
gratified to China's desire for co-
operation, and stressed the desire
of the League to assist her in
every possible way.

Mr. Henderson's Tribute.

Mr. Arthur Henderson said
he was immensely gratified to find
China making her position so
stable that she could ask the
League to assist her in
applying humanitarian ideals,
not only to the conditions
of her ports, but to the homes of
her people.

Geneva, Sept. 19.
The First Committee of the
League Assembly, which deals with
constitutional questions, after a
lengthy discussion of Dr. C. C. Wu's
proposal regarding the operation of
Article Nineteen of the Covenant,
decided, on the motion of Mr. Noel
Baker, the British delegate, to re-
fer the matter to a special sub-
committee, which will meet to-mor-
row.

China Supported.

Dr. C. C. Wu has proposed that
a Committee be appointed to ex-
amine Article Nineteen of the
Covenant, which relates to the re-
vision of Treaties which have be-
come inapplicable.

It is recognised that the Chi-
nese delegate's comments on the mat-
ter were chiefly directed at the so-
called "unequal treaties" between
China and foreign countries, but
the resolution does not mention
them specifically.

It is noteworthy that the Chinese
resolution has been supported by
the German, Persian, Indian,
Haitian and Hungarian delegates.

Treatment of Foreigners.

Later.
At a public session of the
League of Nations Council held
this afternoon, it was decided to
hold a special international con-
ference on the treatment of
foreigners by the authorities of
the country in which they are
residing.

It was decided to select Paris as
the venue of the conference.

The Drug Traffic.

The Narcotics Committee, after
a long debate, adopted a British
proposal in favour of convening
a conference of the manufacturing
countries, with the addition of
a corresponding number of con-
suming countries.

A proposal by the representative
of the Indian Government, in
favour of the work of the Opium
Commission being continued was
also adopted.—*Reuter.*

ALLEGED "BRIBERY."

TWO MEN CHARGED AT
KOWLOON.

Owing to the inability of Mr. A.
E. Hall to appear before Mr. T. S.
Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magi-
stracy this morning, in connexion
with a bribery case, two Chinese
who appeared before his Worship
were remanded formally for one
week. It was intimated that the
hearing would be commenced on
the afternoon of October 2.

Defendants were charged with
stealing \$5 from the person of an
unknown man, and with offering
bribes of \$5 to a Chinese detective.

Defendants were alleged to have
each offered separate sums to
the officer.

It was indicated that Mr. A. E.
Hall had been instructed by the de-
fence but was to-day engaged in
another Court. The case was ad-
journing formally for one week.

WORLD PLANS FOR NEW ALMANAC.

BIRTHDAY ALWAYS ON SAME
DAY OF WEEK!

New York, Aug. 13.
There is no doubt now that the
United States will join the Inter-
national Conference to be called by
the League of Nations to consider
a simplification of the calendar.

For a year a National Committee
has been investigating the problem,
and Government Departments have
been co-operating unofficially.

In its official report the Committee
states reasons for participation in
the Geneva inquiry:—

- 1.—A demand for Calendar im-
provement, on the part of a
large and representative body
of American opinion.
- 2.—The recognition by the gen-
eral public of the grave de-
fects of the present Calendar,
and the lively interest in
methods by which these may
be overcome.
- 3.—Actual experiences of many
business concerns with the
use of private simplified
Calendars, to secure more ac-
curate accounting in their
business affairs.

Business people who have experi-
mented with private reformed
calendars are nearly unanimously
in favour of general simplification
of the civil calendar.

A Time For Changed Times.
In view of this, and owing to the
approach of 1933—when January 1
falls on a Sunday—

it is suggested that 1933 would
be a most convenient year for put-
ting the new calendar into effect.

It is hoped that the International
Conference will soon be assembled.

Although the Committee finds
that opinion in this country pre-
ponderantly favours the 13-month
fixed calendar, it does not recom-
mend that the American representa-
tives should enter the Conference
committed to this or any other plan.

The Committee's report adds:—
"Both in individual life and in
all the processes of civilisation,
simplification of the calendar
would afford relief from unneces-
sary effort, and thereby contrib-
ute to making our lives easier
and happier."

"It would afford more time for
leisure and reflection, and would
facilitate the conduct of all human
affairs."

How 13-Month Year Would Work.

In America the favoured calendar
is one of thirteen 28-day months to
the year.

Thus the month-end would always
be a week-end.

Every date of the year would
always fall on the same day of the
week as in other years.

Easter would be fixed.

At the end of December there
would be an undated day between
the old year and the new—a public
holiday.

Every fourth year there would be
a "leap day"—also a public holiday
—between June and July.

The end-of-June and end-of-
December public holidays would
have no weekday names, and thus
the year, and also each month, would
always begin on a Sunday.

GIRL WHO LEFT HOME.

SECRET WEDDING
DISCLOSED.

London, Aug. 16.

A secret marriage between two
young people who were said to be
of good social position was reveal-
ed at Marylebone Police Court yester-
day, when John Stanley Walter
Bartley, aged 23, of Sydney-place,
South Kensington, S.W., was fined
£10 for causing a false entry to be
made in a register of marriages.

Mr. Lawson-Walton who pro-
secuted, said that Bartley met a
Miss Dorothy Ingram in March
1927. Mrs. Ingram complained
about her daughter keeping late
hours, and Miss Ingram then went
off and took a room in Marylebone.
Her mother could not persuade her
to go home.

In November 1928 a Mrs. Cox, a
mutual friend, was asked to witness
a marriage. She knew the rela-
tions between the young people and
consented, thinking it would be
better under the circumstances.

False Name and address.

Bartley and Miss Ingram were
married at the Marylebone register
office, Bartley giving the name of
John Brett and an address at Stam-
ford-road, Kensington, both of
which were false. Bartley and his
wife afterwards returned to their
respective homes.

Mr. Laurence Vine, defending,
said that when Miss Ingram told
Bartley of her condition they de-
cided on a secret marriage. After
the marriage the news leaked out,
and the parents of the young
couple were very angry.

The particulars in the register
would be corrected and there was
no reason why the couple should
not live happily together as soon as
Bartley's financial position improv-
ed. He was now earning £100 a
year and received an allowance of
£100 a year from his mother. His
father was killed in the war.

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